

31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Drama Visits**

An important part of my role as Head of Drama is to offer students the opportunity to experience live theatre; I try to choose performances that give as much variety as possible in order that there is something to cater for all tastes. This year we are in a very fortunate position of having some excellent theatre being performed making choosing what trips to run incredibly difficult. I appreciate that paying for trips can be difficult therefore; I have decided to tell you about all trips we are running throughout the year now so that you can decide which trips your son/daughter would like to attend. If you would like them to attend more than one trip, it will be possible to pay for each trip a month at a time to spread the cost.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – **strictly for year 8 only**

This play is simply one of the best pieces of theatre I have ever seen, I was gutted when it closed in the West End two years ago, so to say I am thrilled that it has returned to the West End for a strictly limited season would be the understatement of the century.

***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***

***Following an acclaimed UK and International tour, the smash-hit National Theatre production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time returns to London for a strictly limited season.***

*Christopher has an extraordinary brain, exceptional at maths while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched and he distrusts strangers. But his detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a frightening journey that upturns his world.*

*Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards® including 'Best Play', The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time brings **Mark Haddon**'s best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage, adapted by two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright **Simon Stephens** and directed by Olivier and Tony Award®-winning director **Marianne Elliott**.*

We will be travelling to the theatre by coach on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Students will need to be registered in the Drama Studio (A53) at 1:05pm and we aim to return to school at 11:45pm. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance will be £35.

## **The Comedy about a Bank Robbery**

After the enormous success of *The Play That Goes Wrong*, I am very excited to be able to offer to see the next offering by The Mischief Theatre Company; *The Comedy About a Bank Robbery*:

*Breaking into its 3rd year, Mischief Theatre's smash-and-grab hit The Comedy About A Bank Robbery is a fast, fabulous comedy caper and the funniest show in the West End.*

*Summer 1958. Minneapolis City Bank has been entrusted with a priceless diamond. An escaped convict is dead set on pocketing the gem with the help of his screwball sidekick, trickster girlfriend... and the maintenance man. With mistaken identities, love triangles and hidden agendas, even the most reputable can't be trusted. In a town where everyone's a crook, who will end up bagging the jewel?*

★★★★★ *This is the funniest show in the West End'* **The Telegraph**

★★★★★ *A fast and fabulous comedy caper is a joyful night out'* **The Times**

We will be travelling to the theatre by coach on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Student will need to be registered in the Drama Studio (A53) at 6pm and we aim to return to school at 11.00pm. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance will be £24.00.

## **Matilda**

*'Writer Dennis Kelly and composer and lyricist Tim Minchin go to the top of the class with this anarchically joyous, gleefully nasty and ingenious musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's story'*

matilda musical

*Matilda The Musical is the multi-award winning musical from the Royal Shakespeare Company, inspired by the beloved book by the incomparable Roald Dahl.*

*Winner of over 85 international awards, including 16 for Best Musical, Matilda continues to delight audiences in London, and is touring the UK & Ireland throughout 2018-19.*

We will be travelling to the theatre by coach on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Student will need to be registered in the Drama Studio (A53) at 6pm and we aim to return to school at 11.00pm. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance will be £25.00.

We are fortunate to get a large educational discount, all seats are in the stalls and the full price is over £60 per ticket, there tickets are at a hugely reduced rate.

There are a limited number of tickets available. If you would like your son/daughter to attend please return the reply slip with payment for the first trip by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that places on the trip are limited and if oversubscribed places will be allocated on a random and equitable basis.

If your child has a medical condition/disability please ensure they are not taking part in this visit against your doctor's advice.

Updates on all trips including expected time of arrival to return to school and pictures will be put on our Drama Twitter page, please follow @DramaArnewood to ensure you are kept up to date with all trips and department news. I appreciate that theatre trips do arrive back to school late in the evening, students are still expected to arrive at school on time the following day.

