



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Blood Brothers Theatre Trip on Thursday 29th February 2024

We have been very fortunate to get tickets to see **Blood Brothers** at The Mayflower Theatre, Southampton on **Thursday 29th February 2023**. Blood Brothers is the **set text for GCSE Drama** and students need to have a thorough knowledge of the narrative, characters and themes as well as creative ideas for the staging of the play. The opportunity to see the live production will not only be an excellent experience it will prove invaluable for revision, especially for year 11 students for their exam.

Blood Brothers is an incredibly popular play and we are very fortunate that it is on tour locally. *In 1960's Liverpool twin boys are born to a loving mother who has the heart but not the wealth to care for two babies. Offered a way out by her wealthy, childless boss, Mrs Johnstone agrees to give up one of her boys in exchange for money and a better life for at least one of her sons. She vows to never tell anyone of their agreement.*

Inevitably the two boys - Mickey and Eddie meet again in later life, their relationship as friends blossoms much to the despair of their mothers. If the boys remain friends and if they ever find out their true identities is for the show to divulge!

We will be travelling to the theatre by coach. Student will need to be registered in the canteen at **5:45pm**. We estimate to be back at school at **11:00pm**. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance will be **£28.50**; we have been very lucky to get the education rate which means we have discounted seats!

Students are allowed to attend in their own clothes, they should bring a fully charged mobile phone with credit so that they can contact you with our arrival time back at the school. The theatre sells sweets, chocolate and drinks however, it is a cashless venue and only accepts contactless payments. Students are advised to bring their own snacks in a small Tupperware tub to ensure they do not create a disturbance for other theatre goers.

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, but students are expected to arrive at school on time the following day.

There are a limited number of tickets available. If you would like your child to attend please return the reply slip with payment to the Finance Office by **Friday 8th December**. Please note that places on the trip are limited and if oversubscribed places will be allocated on a random and equitable basis.



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Cheques should be made payable to The Arnewood School and all money must be handed into the Finance office in an envelope that is clearly labelled with Blood Brothers Theatre Trip, student's name, student's tutor group and the amount of money included.

Please keep the school informed of any changes to contact numbers and medical information pertaining to your child. You can view and update your child's details via the Arbor Parent Portal, a link to which can be found on the school website, or via the mobile Arbor App. If you would like any support with this, please contact our IT Helpdesk on 01425 625 431. If your child has a medical condition/disability please ensure that your child is not participating in this activity against your doctor's advice.

Yours faithfully



Miss L. Briscoe

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Reply Slip – Return to the Finance Office by Friday 8th December 2023

Re: Blood Brothers Theatre Trip on Thursday 29th February 2024

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

I give permission for my child to attend the school trip to the Mayflower Theatre as detailed in the letter dated 24th November 2023 I enclose a full payment of £28.50.

My child will be collected from school by: (named adult).

I undertake to keep the school informed of any changes in contact numbers or medical information pertaining to my child.

Signed:

Parent/Carer

Date: