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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The Government Inspector Theatre Trip on Thursday 7th March 2024

We have been very fortunate to get tickets to see the extremely influential theatre company **Splendid Productions** production of **The Government Inspector** on **Thursday 7th March, 7pm** at **The Mast Studios, Southampton**. There are only 30 tickets available for this trip as it is such a popular show and will be **open to years 10 - 13**.

The Government Inspector is a brilliant show for **GCSE and A Level students** to get to grips with **Brechtian theatre**. Performed in a creative, engaging and accessible way, and will be hugely beneficial for the students scripted and devised performances.

Why would a Government fear a Government Inspector?

Splendid Productions present a new creative adaptation of 'The Government Inspector', an 1836 comedy written by Nickolai Gogol.

The play is a satirical prod at power, privilege, corruption and classism in a provincial town whose public servants are told they are to be assessed by an anonymous official: The Government Inspector.

At the same time, an idiotic aristocratic stranger arrives, setting the stage for an escalating masterclass in political farce.

In Splendid's adaptation, a highly skilled cast of three populate a town-full of panicking officials, dismayed citizens and feckless fantasists in a fast-paced, one-hour performance which asks: if absolute power corrupts absolutely, what happens when you only have a tiny bit of power?

***** *"frankly brilliant" Three Weeks (Woyzeck)*

**** *"absolutely hilarious... a masterclass in Epic Theatre" The Reviews Hub (The Oresteia)*

**** *"a joyous celebration of humanity, and a triumph of physical theatre" The List (Everyman)*

We will be travelling to the theatre by mini buses. Students will need to be registered in the canteen at **5.30pm**. We estimate to be back at school at around **9pm**. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance will be **£11**; we have been very lucky to get the education rate which means we have massively 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.

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 The Government Inspector 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 you child has a medical condition/disability please ensure that your child is not participating in this activity against your doctor's advice.

Yours sincerely



Miss L. Briscoe

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

Re: The Government Inspector Theatre Trip on Thursday 7th March 2024

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

I give permission for my child to attend the school trip to the Mast Studios as detailed in the letter dated 24th November 2023 I enclose a full payment of £11.

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: