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Sixth Form Theatre Experience – 26th and 27th January 2018

We are pleased to be able to offer your son/daughter/ward an exciting opportunity to support and enhance their A-level study of theatre. We have made a slight change to our annual theatre visit to ensure that we get the best experience for the very best value. To ensure that the visit is cost effective we have decided to spend Friday 26th January exploring theatre in Liverpool and the following day in Manchester. We will travel each day to the venue; therefore, we have managed to avoid the cost of expensive hotel accommodation. The two days will involve; backstage tours of professional theatres, a theatre workshop led by a professional actor/designer, tickets to see two performances at The Lowry, Manchester, travel to and from each of the events, an evening meal on the Saturday between shows. Students will travel altogether to Liverpool on Friday 26th January from West Kirby station, however on the Saturday they will be expected to meet teaching staff at Liverpool Lime Street in order to get the train to Manchester.

The programme will be as follows:

Friday 26th January

9.10am Students meet at WKGS and we all make our way to West Kirby station.

9.30am Train travel to Liverpool.

10am Backstage tour of The Empire Theatre and The Epstein Theatre.

12pm Lunch at The Bluecoat (students bring packed lunch. If your daughter/son/ward is entitled to free school meals she/he should order a 'grab-bag' the day before the trip from the canteen for collection from 8.00am on the day of the trip)

1pm Theatre workshop at The Unity Theatre, Liverpool

3pm Meet and greet theatre professionals at Liverpool Everyman

5pm Train travel back to West Kirby.

5.30pm Students make own way home from school.

Saturday 27th January

9.20am All meet at Liverpool Lime Street.

9.30am Train to Manchester Piccadilly station.

10.30am Visit and tour of The Royal Exchange Theatre

12pm Travel via metro line to The Lowry Theatre, Salford

1pm Arrive at The Lowry. Lunch

2pm Theatre production: The Weir by English Touring Theatre.

4.30pm Student free time in Lowry Outlet

5.30pm. Evening meal at Café Rouge (included in price)

7pm Evening performance of 'Hamlet' by The Royal Shakespeare Company.

10pm Coach travel back to West Kirby

11pm Arrive back at West Kirby Grammar, students to organise safe journey home from school.

We anticipate the cost of this experience will be approximately £100 (our usual two day residential visit is normally between £180-£200, and yet the experiences being offered to students are comparable experiences for less money). I am sure that you will appreciate the time and care that has been taken in the planning of this visit to ensure that the experience is relevant for students and cost effective for you.

If you would like your son/daughter/ward to participate in this theatre experience then please return the slip below with a deposit of £50 to the Finance Office by Monday 16th October 2017. The final balance for the visit will be due by 8th January 2018. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any issues with regards to cost.

If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

J Halliday (Ms)
Head of Drama/Theatre Studies

Please return to the Finance Department by Monday 16th October 2017

Name of student: **Form**.....

I/We give permission for our son/daughter/ward to participate in the two day theatre experience on Fri/Sat 26th/27th January 2018.

I/We enclose the deposit of £50 (cheques should be made payable to West Kirby Grammar School with the student's name, form and 'Drama experience' on the reverse). I/We understand that our son/daughter/ward will need to make arrangements for their own safe journey home from WKGS on Saturday evening.

I/We have completed and returned the attached medical form.

The School has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the School will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.

Signed: **(Parent/Guardian)** **Date**.....