

September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

URGENT - Year 8 English Trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon - Wednesday 2 October 2019

In the Autumn half-term, your child will be studying the Shakespeare play, Richard III. To help students with their understanding of the play and to develop their understanding of Shakespeare's life, the English Department will be taking all students in Year 8 to Stratford-Upon-Avon. Whilst in Stratford, students will participate in a workshop designed to enhance their understanding of Richard III and will also visit two of Shakespeare's houses (his Birthplace and New Place).

This **compulsory** trip is on **Wednesday 2 October. Pupils are required to be in school at the usual time of 8.40 am in order to register** and we will leave school at **8:50 am** to travel by coach from Hall Green Library to Stratford-Upon-Avon. We should arrive back by coach at **3.15 pm** and, unless we are asked otherwise, pupils will be dismissed from **Hall Green Library**. Pupils with physical disabilities will be accompanied by support staff and will be brought back to school and dismissed from there.

For the trip to take place we require a **non-refundable** payment of £19.50 (to cover the cost of the workshop, entrance to houses and coach travel) to be made online via ParentPay by **Monday 16 September.** In exceptional circumstances, if you do not have access to the internet, please ask for a barcode to pay at a local shop that offers PayPoint. It is **essential** that all **payment deadlines** are adhered to; any students that have not paid by this date will not be permitted to participate in this trip. Deadlines are set to ensure the school can make payments to the organising company in advance of the trip taking place. Payment also signifies parental permission for the pupil to attend the trip. If your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium we may be able to help meet part of the cost of this trip. If financial help is required, please contact Mrs Dickerson via the usual school number.

Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for the trip with plenty of drinks. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you wish a lunch to be provided by school, please order this with Mr Main as soon as possible.

School uniform must be worn for this trip. Pupils must also be prepared for potentially hot or wet weather as they will be outside for some of the day walking between activities.

IMPORTANT: We will use the emergency contact details and medical records for your child that we currently hold on file. If there have been any recent changes to either of these, please could you inform the school as soon as possible.

During trips and visits members of the public often comment on the good behaviour of our pupils and how much of an ambassador they are to the school. However, if your child fails to meet the school's Expectations for Learning, displays unacceptable behaviour in or out of school or shows a poor attitude towards staff, the privilege of attending may be revoked at any time at the Head teacher's discretion. No refund of any monies paid will be made.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Main - Head of English

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