

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Trip - The Curve Theatre/ West Side Story Performance – 5th December 2019

As part of our Year Eight Drama curriculum we have recently explored the theatrical conventions that can be used to stage Romeo and Juliet and West Side Story. To compliment your child's learning and to give them the opportunity of seeing these techniques live in action, I am excited to be able to take all pupils to see a performance of West Side Story at the Curve Theatre, Leicester on **Thursday 5th December 2019** and take part in some exclusive experiences inside the theatre.

This trip will include the following:

- Two different workshop experiences
- Back stage access and a tour of the Curve Theatre
- A ticket for the performance of West Side Story

Pupils will have the following fantastic experiences on the trip:

- **Careers Workshop:**
A practical production and casting workshop that will offer examples of the different careers involved in the creation of theatre performance and will offer the opportunity to discuss the route into the industry. Pupils will be pitching the set, stage, production and casting aspects of creating West Side Story.
- **Drama Workshop:**
A workshop that will tackle the themes of the play, it will include a drama focused element where pupils build scenes that link to the story and will create opportunities to safely discuss themes related to gang and knife crime.
- **Theatre Tour:**
A tour of the theatre, including backstage access.
- **Show:**
All pupils will then watch a matinee performance of West Side Story in the Theatre.

The whole trip will cost **£20.00**, which includes all activities, the show and return travel to Leicester. We are pleased to offer the trip to children eligible for Free School Meals at the reduced rate of **£10.00**. **All payments must be paid via ParentPay.**

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty to drink. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, we will provide a packed lunch for your child. Pupils will need to wear comfortable clothing and footwear: tracksuit bottoms, t-shirts and jumpers would be preferable. **No skirts, shorts or belly t-shirts will be permitted.** This is due to the practical nature of the workshop sessions.

We will be **leaving school at 8.15am, pupils will need to be at school for 7.45am. We will be arriving back at approximately 6.15pm** - we shall keep you updated via Twitter should any traffic get in the way of this. We hope you can support this educational experience; please return the permission slip along with payment by **Friday 15th November to your child's form tutor or Miss Alcock**. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Miss Alcock

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Teacher of Drama

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I would like my child..... Class.....
to attend the Year 8 The Curve Theatre/ West Side Story Performance on **Thursday 5th December 2019**

- My child will arrive at school at 7.45am
- My child will be picked up by..... at 6.15pm
- My child has permission to have their picture taken which may be used by the school for future information and/or marketing (e.g. newsletters, website etc.)
- I am aware that the play contains mature themes and some graphic language
- My child is in receipt of free school meals
- I have paid £20/£10 via ParentPay
- My child takes the following medication.....
- My child has the following allergies.....

Emergency Contact Name.....Telephone Number.....

Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date