

7th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

GCSE Drama: 'Blood Brothers' Theatre Trip

As part of their GCSE Drama course, I have arranged for students in Years 9 and 10 to visit the New Victoria Theatre on **Thursday 25th November** to see a production of **'Blood Brothers'**.

This is an exciting opportunity as students will greatly benefit from being able to see a live production of their examination set text, and, it will enable them to develop the skills needed to analyse and evaluate live theatre, as required for their written exam next year.

On the day of the trip students will travel by coach to the New Victoria Theatre in Woking. As it is a matinee performance, we will be leaving school at around 1pm. **The show starts at 2:30pm and will run for 2 hours and 50 minutes (including a 15minute interval).** We will aim to vacate the building at approximately 5:30pm and are expecting to **arrive back at Upton Court Grammar School at 6:30pm**, when you can collect your son/daughter. If it is easier for you to collect your son/daughter from the theatre, please provide written communication of this.

As we will be leaving school before the timetabled lunch hour, please ensure your son or daughter has a packed lunch with them on the day of the trip.

The total cost of the trip is £48.40. This includes both the cost of travel and admission to the theatre. Payments can be made via ParentPay; the link is now open for parents to do so.

By consenting on Parent Pay you agree to:

1. Make a voluntary contribution of £48.40 **by Monday 19th July**
2. Your son/daughter taking part in the trip as detailed above;
3. A member of staff giving consent for your son/daughter to receive appropriate medical treatment in the event of an emergency.

Seeing a live production is both crucial and invaluable for GCSE Drama students. The students will greatly benefit from the opportunity to watch a live production of the text they will be writing about in depth for their exam and I thank you for your support.

If you have any queries regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via email ETAYLOR@uptoncourtgrammar.org.uk or via the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E. Taylor
Acting Head of Drama