

July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: THEATRE TRIP – *BLOOD BROTHERS*

A trip has been arranged for Year 10 GCSE drama students to see the acclaimed stage production of Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers* and we have secured tickets for Thursday, 24th November 2016 at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, for the 7.30pm performance.

The legendary *Blood Brothers* tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences. Bill Kenwright's production surpassed 10,000 performances in London's West End, one of only three musicals ever to achieve that milestone. Now on tour, this trip offers us a great chance to see this terrific show.

Blood Brothers is the GCSE drama set text and will feature in the Component 3 written exam. It would, therefore, be extremely useful for all students to see the text in production. We will be travelling by coach and leaving school at 17:30; it is anticipated that we will arrive back at school no later than 23:00. Students should dress appropriately for the theatre and do not need to wear school uniform.

The total cost of this trip is £31. We ask that a voluntary contribution is paid to cover, for example, entry fees and insurance (a copy of the insurance policy is available from the school on request). We must emphasise that if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions and the trip is financially non-viable, it will be cancelled. Should you feel that, for financial reasons, you are unable to fund all or part of the trip, please contact the finance department at the school.

We would ask for the full amount to be paid by Friday, 30th September, 2016 to secure a place on this trip. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Any unsold tickets will be offered to students in Years 9 and 11.

The school reserves the right to refuse payment or subsequently withdraw this offer where there is reason to suggest that a student's participation may prejudice the safety or good conduct of the trip.

This trip/event is payable through ParentPay, cash or cheque. By signing and returning the attached medical form signed, you agree to your son/daughter taking part in this trip/event.

If you would like further details of the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,,

Mr R.M. Wilson
Drama Department