



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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24th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: GCSE Drama trip to London, 16th-17th July 2019

I am thrilled to offer your child the opportunity to participate in a Drama trip to London at the end of this academic year, July 2019. This trip will be open to Years 9 and 10 initially; current Year 10 GCSE Drama students will take priority, followed by Year 9 students who think they may wish to take GCSE Drama. Current Year 11s would also be welcome, although they will have completed their exams and left Fairfield by this time.

The itinerary is jam-packed and is proposed as below. Please note that the itinerary is all subject to confirmation and booking at this stage and so we cannot guarantee these features. However, our tour company LTT are excellent and have always fulfilled the proposed itinerary in the past.

Tuesday 16th July Travel to London by coach (estimated departure from school 6.30am)
12 noon National Theatre guided tour, including backstage areas
Matinee performance of The Woman in Black
Meal deal at Pizza Hut in reserved seating
Evening performance at the National Theatre (wild card – see below)
Overnight stay at the refurbished 3* Travelodge, Covent Garden

Wednesday 17th July Buffet breakfast
Drama workshop with a Les Miserables cast member at Pineapple Studios
Lunch meal deal from Boots
Free time in Covent Garden
Visit on to the set of Les Miserables
Matinee performance of Les Miserables
Travel home by coach

A guide from our tour company LTT will be on-hand to take us on foot from place to place; all bookings including the hotel have been carefully considered so that they are within walking distance, thus saving on the cost and traffic delays inherent with coach travel.

The cost of this trip is initially estimated at £270 which includes travel, three West End shows, the Pineapple Studios workshop, one set visit, one backstage tour and ALL food listed above. The only extras your child will need are money for food and drink during travel and spending money for shopping in Covent Garden. The cost may be reduced slightly depending on take-up; the more students who share the cost of the coach, the less cost to the individual.

The performances we will see have been carefully chosen to offer our students a range of directly useful theatre experience. We always aim to see one long-running play, one musical and something a little different. The Woman in Black, our long-running offering, is a brilliant example of the importance of sound and lighting effects, as well as the impact still possible with just two – or three - actors. Les Miserables is a breath-taking show to behold and students will be in awe at the use of ensemble acting, lavish set and an incredible rotating stage. Our ‘wild card’ will be whatever the National Theatre have to offer, yet to be announced. On in the coming months are War Horse, Antony and Cleopatra and The Tell-Tale Heart, to name a few.

Accommodation is likely to be rooms of three and will be arranged to student preference as far as possible but I will make the final decision. The hotel is excellent for what we need and we have used it before.

If you have any questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail through the school office: admin@fairfield.hereford.sch.uk.

A deposit of £50 will be required in the first instance. For the rest of the trip cost you may pay in instalments but all payments should be made via ParentPay and the full amount paid by the end of April. Please return the attached slip to Mrs Parsons by Thursday 11th October.

A deposit paid is no guarantee of acceptance on the trip as a place is subject to approval by the Senior Leadership Team; students with a poor behaviour or attendance record may not be allowed to go. In this instance your deposit will be returned. However, at any point up to the day of departure, if you decide to withdraw your child from the trip for any reason, or the school withdraws the place due to poor behaviour or attendance, then no monies will be returned.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Parsons
Drama Teacher

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GCSE Drama London trip 16th-17th July 2019

Student name:

Student form:

I give permission for my child to participate in the London Drama trip from 16th to 17th July 2019.
I confirm I have paid £..... Via ParentPay and understand that the full amount must be paid by 30th April 2019.

My child has the following dietary requirements:
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Signed (person having parental responsibility): Date:

Emergency contact name and number: