



THE DOWNS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Current Year 12 Othello Theatre London Trip – 30th March 2017

Your son/daughter is currently studying the text 'Othello' in English Literature. The exam board encourage students to see live theatre performances to enhance their understanding of the play and to use their experiences in developing their understanding of critical interpretation.

I am very pleased therefore to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to see a production of "Othello" at the Globe Theatre, London on **Thursday 30 March 2017**.

The price of the ticket is **£27.00**. The cost of the trip does **not** include the train ticket – these can be purchased ahead of time or will need to be purchased individually at the train station. Please ensure that your son/daughter has enough funds to cover this.

You will need to make arrangements for your son/daughter's transport to and from Didcot Parkway train station. They will need to arrive at the station no later than 12.00pm; the performance finishes at 5.00pm meaning that we will return at approximately 7.00pm. More exact timings will be confirmed nearer the time. The school's responsibility will start when I register the students at Didcot train station and dismiss them at the train station on our return. Students must be collected at this time, so arrangements must include a necessity for them to leave promptly at the dismissal time. We accept no responsibility for students before and after these times.

Payment should be made using ParentPay and you **must also tick the permission box** when making your payment. If you do not wish to use ParentPay then please put cheque payments in an envelope marked "Othello", taking care to enclose the completed payment slip below. This should be returned to the secure, finance office post box. Please make cheques payable to The Downs School. Payments should be made **no later than Friday 15 July 2016**. FSM/EVER6FSM/LIFT or BURSARY students have already been identified but please ensure that you return the completed slip below.

Please find attached an off-site activity medical and consent form which will be used as permission for this trip. This must be completed and returned to the trip post box outside Central Resources no later than Friday 27 January 2017.

Although this trip is open to current Year 12 English Literature students, we reserve the right to refuse to take those students whose poor behaviour may tarnish the good name of The Downs School or, on this kind of activity visit, may put themselves or others in danger.

The school has personal accident and travel cover insurance for school trips. Full details are available from the Business Manager on request.

I hope this will be an interesting and rewarding trip. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

B. Cox

Mrs B. Cox

Trip Leader

PAYMENT SLIP - Payment using ParentPay is preferred

**Current Year 12 – Othello Theatre Trip – Thursday 30 March 2017
Payments to be made by Friday 15 July 2016**

Student's Name _____ Tutor Group _____

- I give permission for my child to take part in the above visit to the Globe Theatre on 30 March 2017
- I understand that the school's responsibility starts and finishes at Didcot train station
- I will arrange transport to and from Didcot train station for my son/daughter for the stated times

I enclose payment of **£27**

Or

My child is registered EVER6FSM / FSM / LIFT / BURSARY (please circle) no payment required

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Emergency Contact Number for the Day _____