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Dear Parent /Carer

The English Department would like to invite all students in Year 13 to watch a theatre performance of Othello at The Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith London. This is a performance by the popular 'Frantic Assembly' group and comes highly recommended.

The purpose of this trip is to give students the opportunity to watch a theatre production of a text they have studied in lessons and to enjoy seeing this brought to life by professional actors. This will enable them much more insight into the play. At A-level, it is important to offer different interpretations to a text along with having a deep understanding from an audience's perspective of characters and themes. This particular production is a contemporary version of the play and does have themes of violence. The play is intended for students aged 14 and above.

The trip will take place on Saturday 4th February 2023. We plan to leave from Marlow Train Station at 11:00 am and to travel by train and tube. The performance starts at 2:00 pm and runs for approximately 3 hours. We aim to return to Marlow for around 7:00 pm. The cost will be £28 per ticket plus the students will buy their own tickets for travel to London on the day. The trip is a non-compulsory trip and therefore we will be requesting payment of the full cost. We would like the trip to be accessible for all students regardless of their needs and the theatre are fully supportive in making the trip accessible to all. If you would like your child to go but are struggling financially to cover the cost of the trip, please email me on: khouston@gms.bucks.sch.uk.

Students will be expected to stay with staff members at all times whilst on trains / travelling to the theatre. They will not be allowed to visit anywhere other than the theatre. Students can travel back with staff or make their own way back from the theatre, provided parental permission is given for the latter through the MS Consent Form. As always, the highest standards of conduct are expected from the students as they will be representing the school at all times.

For interested students, please can we ask parents / guardians / students to log on to WisePay and to complete the MS Consent Form and payment as soon as possible and **by Friday 20th January at the very latest.**

Yours faithfully

Keely Houston
English Department