



26th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Post 16 London Theatre Trip 2015

I am writing to give you the final details for the forthcoming London Theatre Trip.

Thank you to those of you who have paid in full already; a gentle reminder that the final balance (full cost £257) is due to be paid before we go please (Wednesday 16th December 2015), ideally by ParentPay but if not then a cheque or cash can be taken to the Accounts Office please.

I have arranged a meeting for all the students attending the trip at break time in A2 Drama Studio on Friday 11th December; it is vital that they attend. This meeting will outline both the activities and expectations of the trip and for me to collect mobile phone numbers and issue the staff phone number (**07599 976485**) that I will have with me on the trip and give them small business cards with all the information and phone numbers on should they be needed.

Itinerary of trip

Wednesday 16th December 2015

- 5.55am - Meet at Redruth train station (transport will need to be arranged to the station please)
- 6.05am - Leave Redruth station for London Paddington
- 11.24am - Arrive at London Paddington and transfer by tube to King's Cross and walk to DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel for leaving luggage
- 1.00pm - Transfer by tube and walk along the Embankment to The Globe
Tour of The Globe and exhibition of Shakespeare's London
Workshop of '**The Tempest**' on the stage at the Globe
- 6.30pm - Dinner at Pizza Hut, The Strand
- 7.30pm - Short walk to the Duchess Theatre
- 8.00pm - Performance of '**The Play That Goes Wrong**'
- 10.00pm - End of performance and transfer back to hotel

Thursday 17th December 2015

- 9.00am - Extensive hot and cold buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 10.00am - check out of hotel taking all luggage and transfer to Covent Garden
Please note that luggage must be small enough to fit under a theatre seat.
- 11.00am - **Workshop at Pineapple Dance Studios** with a member of the cast from 'Billy Elliott'
- Free time in Covent Garden to see the Christmas lights, street theatre and shopping and to have lunch (not included)
- 1.45pm - Transfer by tube to the Victoria Apollo
- 2.30pm - Matinee of '**Billy Elliott**'
- 5.15pm - End of performance, transfer to London Paddington
- 7.03pm - Leave Paddington for Redruth (changing at Plymouth)
- 12.17am - Return to Redruth (transport needs to be arranged to get home)



Apologies for the necessity to change at Plymouth and the later time of our arrival home. Getting the 18.06 train out of Paddington is extremely tight and stressful after the matinee! This later train will allow us plenty of time to cross London in the rush hour and give the students time to buy something for their tea on the train. There is a buffet carriage but it is very expensive and often runs low on the way home. This applies to the way up as well where I would strongly recommend that the students have a packed breakfast as often the buffet carriage does not open until Devon!

May I reiterate that the students will need money for lunch on both days and tea on Thursday. They may also want some money to buy a programme to help with theatre review writing (some students choose to club together and share as West End programmes can be pricey) Also, a **SMALL bag please, that MUST fit under a theatre seat** - rucksacks are ideal. Absolutely no suitcases as we have to carry luggage with us on Thursday. Comfy clothes that students can move in will be required for the workshop at Pineapple (leg warmers optional!).

In the event of an emergency we will be referring to the Parental Consent Form that you completed for use during this academic year, commencing September 2015. If there have been changes to any information you have submitted about your contact details or your child's medical needs, then please request a replacement form from reception. This must be submitted prior to the visit.

This is the 12th London trip that I have organised and the students have always been commended on their conduct, manners and enthusiasm. The hotel does take a disturbance deposit and students are expected to stay in their own rooms once we return and abiding by British law are not permitted to drink alcohol if under 18. This has never been an issue in the past and I am sure that this year will be no different.

If you have any questions please contact me at college on extension 301 or by e mail srichardson@helston.cornwall.sch.uk. The staff phone number that I will be using during the trip is **07599 976485**.

Yours faithfully

Steph Richardson
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