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Dear Parent/Carer

'A Christmas Carol' Theatre Trip

The English department have reserved tickets for the theatre production of 'A Christmas Carol' which is being performed at the Alexandra Palace in London on **Thursday 16 December 2021** as a matinee performance starting at 2:30pm.

Year 10 students' next unit of work in English involves the study of the novella 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens and this will be one of the texts that will be on the English Literature GCSE paper.

This will be a really interesting experience, which will allow students to see how novels can be adapted for the stage and we believe this will really help the students understand the text in a way that will be incredibly helpful for their GCSE. We recommend following the link below if you want to learn more about the performance:

https://christmascarolonstage.co.uk/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI6tCKnffs8wIVg7TtCh2F4A4pEAA YASAAEqlX0fD_BwE

This trip is open to all students in **Year 10** and we anticipate that this will be a popular trip so we would encourage booking as soon as possible. There are **100 places** available and whilst Year 10 students will have priority, we may allow other year groups to book a place if all 100 tickets are not allocated within the next two to three weeks.

Students will travel to and from the Alexandra Palace in London via coach. Full arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time however, we will meet in the canteen at 10:30am in order to register students and allow them time to eat an early lunch before boarding the coach.

The length of production is to be confirmed but we anticipate it being no longer than three hours long (including an interval) and we anticipate arriving back at college at approximately 7:30pm, dependent on traffic. Please make arrangements for your son/daughter to get home from college on their return.

Due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, the venue has measures in place to ensure the safety of its visitors. Please see the venue's policy of proof of vaccination/lateral flow tests below:

PRINCIPAL: Ms C Cubbage BSc (Hons), Dip Ed, MBA, CMgr FCMl

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Mr T Mitchell BSc (Hons), MSc, Mr B Parker BA (Hons), Ms L Ferrier BA (Hons), Miss C Gudgeon BA (Hons) Mrs K Cook BA (Hons), ADSBM

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*In order to gain entry to the event spaces at Alexandra Palace **all visitors must be able to demonstrate their COVID-19 status** by showing one of the following:*

- *A valid [NHS COVID Pass](#) demonstrating you are fully vaccinated (double vaccination with the second jab at least 14 days prior to the event), or have recorded a negative NHS lateral flow test in the previous 48 hours or are considered to have natural immunity after a positive PCR test within 180 days of the event (including 10 days self-isolation following the result)*
- *An NHS text or email confirming a negative NHS Lateral Flow Test taken within 48 hours of the event*

For full details please see their website: <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/faqs/#1619516422864-094ec92c-ac06>

Additionally, this venue has a bag search policy and so students should be prepared to have their bags searched. Bags larger than a standard rucksack size of approximately 35(W)x17(D)x43(H)cm may not be permitted into the venue however, students will be able to leave their bags on the coach as necessary.

The total cost for this visit is **£34.95**. **Please note places will be allocated on a first paid first served basis**. However, we reserve the right to take behaviour into consideration when allocating places as we anticipate this being an extremely popular trip. If you would like your child to be considered for this trip, please open and complete the [Parent Consent Form](#) and pay via [Scopay](#).

If your child is a Pupil Premium student and some assistance with payment is required, please contact Mrs Connochie and he will endeavour to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Durham
English Teacher