

26 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has been selected to attend a visit to Macbeth followed by a Q&A session with the director and artistic director at King's Theatre, Southsea, on Tuesday 12 March 2024. Macbeth is a compulsory GCSE text and therefore features heavily in your child's KS4 English curriculum.

Due to the huge uptake for this trip, I have managed to secure extra tickets but as the group is now so much bigger and no longer fit onto a hovercraft, we have chartered a boat with Solent Cruises to take us. The new arrangements for the trip are that the group will travel from school by coach to Cowes, Solent Cruises pontoon for a 10:30 sailing to Portsmouth where the group will then walk to Southsea for the matinee production. We shall then return to Cowes, Thetis Wharf terminal by approximately 17:30 on the same day where the students will need to be collected. Be aware that there is limited parking and we will have 80 students to be returned to parents so please be patient with us and mindful of other road users.

How to find our Cowes Thetis terminal - Postal code: PO31 7BX

Take the right traffic lane at Northwood Garage traffic lights onto Cowes Road; keep on this road which then becomes Newport Road. Keep going until you stop at the junction with Mill Hill Road, turn right down hill for 1/4 mile.

We are on the left just before the chain ferry.

Students will walk to the theatre which will take approximately 30 minutes and so waterproof coats will be necessary. It is school policy that students should not make their own transport arrangements for travel to or from visit venues, nor to or from meeting points. Please ensure, therefore, that your child gets safely to and from the departure and arrival points.

The member of staff in charge of the group is Mrs Smith accompanied by Ms Ryan, Mr Burnett, Mrs McDowell, Miss Begley, Mr Matthias and Mrs Caligari.

The cost of the visit is £30.00 with the first payment of £15.00 being due by Friday 2nd February; the second payment of £15.00 is due by Friday 1st March. This price does not include food so please make sure that students bring enough food and drink to last them for the whole day. (Should your child receive Free School Meals, then a packed lunch will be provided for them.)

Should you require financial support please email annie.smith@iwef.org.uk explaining your circumstances. Insurance for students is provided by the school.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, or unexpected alterations in travel arrangements, I will contact the school (during school hours) or our Home Contact(s), and you will be informed of the circumstances. It is also possible for you to contact me via the school on 01983 524651 (during school hours) or on the mobile phone 07760 559186 (out of school hours only on the day of the trip). Otherwise out of hours on the day, you can contact our Home Based Contact on 07760 559201.

Please complete the Google Form attached to this email to give permission for your child to attend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Smith
English Teacher