

December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

As part of your son/daughter's Drama and Performance Studies course they are required to see as much live theatre as possible. We are very excited to announce that we have secured tickets to see the national touring production of '**Blood Brothers**' on Wednesday 19th April 2017, the matinee performance at the Bristol Hippodrome. Blood Brothers is the Year 9 set text for Drama.

*Written by Willy Russell, the legendary **Blood Brothers** tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences. Few musicals have received quite such acclaim as the multi-award winning Blood Brothers. Bill Kenwright's production surpassed 10,000 performances in London's West End, one of only three musicals ever to achieve that milestone. It has been affectionately christened the 'Standing Ovation Musical', as inevitably it "brings the audience cheering to its feet and roaring its approval" (The Daily Mail).*

'A triumphant evening...Unmissable and unbeatable'

The Spectator

'Exhilarating...one of the best musicals ever written'

Sunday Times

'Dazzling'

Telegraph

'Terrific'

Sunday Express

We will travel by coach to and from the theatre. Students will need to arrive at College as normal and attend tutor and part of period 1, then meet and register in DR2 at **9.05am for a briefing and prompt 9.45am** departure. We will return to College at approximately 8.30pm where arrangements should have been made for your son/daughter to travel home safely – **walking from site would not be acceptable**. For insurance purposes students will not be allowed to catch or disembark the coach at any point other than the College. Please would you make sure that you **do not park** in the bus bays when waiting to collect your son/daughter as this creates difficulties for the students disembarking the coach and "dodging" traffic.

Students may wear their own clothes, but these must be appropriate for an afternoon at the theatre, representing the College. Therefore, no baseball caps, ripped jeans, bare midriiffs or potential offensive slogans will be permitted. Students may wish to bring money with them to purchase a programme or some refreshments in the interval.

As we are away from school for the whole day students should have with them a **packed lunch and tea**, plenty of water and snacks. There may be an opportunity to stop at a service station but as this will very much depend on traffic and timing so is not a guarantee.

The cost of the trip is £29. If your son/daughter wishes to take part please return the attached consent form and payment to **Mrs Timms** at the finance window in the concourse open every morning 8.30 – 9.00am and Monday and Wednesday lunchtime 1.30 – 2.00pm. Cash is preferred (correct money only please as we do not hold a float), however if you wish to pay by cheque please make it payable to **Devon County Council** and make sure your son/daughter's name, tutor group, trip are on the reverse of the cheque. **Payment and consent forms must be returned by Friday 27th January 2017.**

No student will be excluded from the trip due to personal financial constraints; however, if significant numbers of students are unable to pay the trip may have to be cancelled. Please inform the school in writing if financial assistance is required.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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