



# Tavistock COLLEGE

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Dear Parent / Carer

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November I have organised an opportunity for students to take part in a full day's professional practical workshop based on Willy Russell's infamous social musical 'Blood Brothers'. This is a Year 9 performance text in Drama but the workshop is suitable for any student who is looking to develop their characterisation skills, get to know the play or the profession better.

The workshop will be run by Staged-Ed Theatre Company ([www.stage-ed.com](http://www.stage-ed.com)) and specifically led by Michael Southern. Michael played 'Sammy' in Blood Brothers in the West End for 10 years, as well as a year on the UK National tour so is in an excellent position to share his professional experience and expertise.

Registration for the workshop will be at 8.45am with practical work starting promptly at 9am. The morning will be a 3 hour session with break followed by 45 minutes for lunch. Students should wear practical clothing and bring plenty of snacks and water plus a packed lunch. The afternoon session will finish at 4pm and students should have a safe way to travel home.

The workshop will be complemented by a trip to see the show in April. Participants of the workshop will be offered show tickets prior to general school release.

The cost of the workshop is £20. If your son/ daughter would like to take part please complete the attached consent form and return with payment by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to the finance window in the concourse, which is open every morning 8.30 – 9.00am and Monday and Wednesday lunchtime 1.30 – 2.00pm. Cash is the preferred form of payment however if paying by cheque it should be made payable to Devon County Council.

**Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. As the course is on a Saturday and therefore out of regular school hours please be very careful to fill out medical, contact and getting home details for that specific day.**

No student will be excluded from the workshop due to financial constraints but if enough students do not wish to participate we may be forced to cancel. Whilst behaviour of students at the college is usually exceptional should your son/daughter not behave appropriately during the workshop you may be contacted to collect them early.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries my email is [e.pearson@tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:e.pearson@tavistockcollege.devon.sch.uk)

We are looking forward to working with your son/ daughter and helping them experience the real world of performance.

Yours sincerely

Eva Pearson  
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Together: we care, we challenge, we excel

