ASHLYNS SCHOOL



March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The Duchess of Malfi, Globe Theatre Trip – Wednesday 27 March 2024

We are very excited that your child will be attending the forthcoming A-Level English theatre trip to The Duchess of Malfi on Wednesday 27 March 2024.

Students should meet at the front gates of Ashlyns School at 4.45pm in order to depart promptly at 5.00pm. The journey should take around 1 hour 30 minutes, followed by a short walk between the coach drop off point and theatre. The play begins at 7.30pm and has a listed running time of 2 hours and 40 minutes, including an interval.

Our estimated return time back to school is **approximately midnight**, however students will be able to provide updates themselves during the journey home. **Students need to be collected from school**, unless I have been emailed in advance of the trip to confirm that they have permission to make their own way home (by car). Students are expected to be in school at the usual time the following morning for a regular school day.

Students will need to **eat before the trip or bring food** that can be eaten once we arrive; students will not be permitted to eat on the coach and there will be no opportunities to purchase food. Students need to be appropriately and smartly dressed for attending a theatre performance, but jeans can be worn. I recommend **wearing layers** as it is a small theatre and it can become very warm, but it may be cold walking to and from the theatre.

Students may wish to bring money to purchase snacks, drinks, or souvenir merchandise during the interval, if there is time. Students will not be allowed to leave the theatre or separate from the group at any time.

As stated in my first letter, the students will be familiar with the content of the play, however please be aware that the play does contain violence, including murder, as well as themes of incest and misogyny. Please see the content warnings on the theatre website for more information.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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