

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Drama students in Year 12 and 13

As part of the AS and A-level Drama and Theatre course students are required to attend live theatre as much as possible to gain inspiration for their own creative performances, and to realise the creation behind the theatre making process in preparation for their written coursework and exam. Therefore, I have organised a trip to see 'Dr Faustus' by Splendid Productions Company, inspired by Brecht, at the Pleasance Theatre, London on **Monday 7th October at 7.00pm 2019.**

Splendid Productions present a new creative adaptation of an all-time classic. The brilliant scholar Dr Faustus uses his fabulous intellect to summon the actual devil to grant his every wish! But the devil has a price: it will cost Faustus his soul. Is this the best deal in history – absolutely everything for absolutely nothing? Or... is it perhaps the other way round...?

Splendid's devilish cast of three, pack a timeless tale into a thrilling hour of laughter, music, magic and amazement. Morality meets mortality in this ingenious reinvention of an Elizabethan drama that couldn't be more contemporary.

We will be travelling by coach from Southend High School for Boys, students are to meet in the Frampton ready to leave school at 4.00pm. The performance running time is approximately 1 hour and so we aim to leave London around 8:15pm, however we will keep in touch on the night to give an updated time of arrival back at Southend High School for Boys. Due to the Theatre's location and estimated arrival times, I have arranged for the students to eat at the restaurant located underneath the Theatre before the performance. I will be taking a pre-order from the students during lessons of what they would like to eat (along with the meal price) which I will send to the restaurant to ensure our food is ready for when we arrive.

The cost of the trip totals at £30 per ticket for the theatre performance and coach travel expenses (plus, students will need their own individual money for their pre-ordered meal on the evening). The total trip cost is payable via Wisepay by the deadline of **Thursday 3rd October 2019**. Please ensure that you complete the required offsite visit form when making your payment. This form appears as a blue hyperlink and is submitted by pressing the 'save details' button. Should you have any difficulties in accessing your Wisepay account, please contact the Finance Office at your earliest convenience.

School uniform **need not** be worn, but students need to ensure they bring a change of clothes with them on the day. Please remember that smoking and the consumption of alcohol are strictly forbidden on all school visits. Any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email me at jal@shsb.org.uk

Here's looking forward to a wonderful evening at the Theatre!

Yours sincerely

Miss J. Lovelock
Head of Drama

