

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: The Woman in Black, Palace Theatre Thursday 19th October 2023

As part of their English & Drama curriculum, the current Year 8 (soon to be Year 9) students will have the opportunity to study Gothic Writing and Live Theatre and what a better place to kick the year off with 'The Woman in Black'. On **Thursday 19th October 2023**, the whole of Year 9 students will witness this theatrical show in our local Palace Theatre.

"Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story comes dramatically alive in Stephen Mallatratt's ingenious stage adaptation. Now celebrating over three decades in the West End and transferring to regional touring theatres, Robin Herford's gripping production is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror. A lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black, engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It all begins innocently enough, but then, as they reach further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds."

As this trip is local, we will be leaving school promptly at 1.15pm to walk to the Palace Theatre for a show start of 2:30pm. Students will need to wear school uniform as we are leaving halfway through the school day. Students are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and snacks for the theatre, but they will have time to eat before we start walking. There will not be an opportunity to buy anything from the surrounding shops so they must come prepared. The show will finish at approximately 4:30pm and students will either need permission to make their own way home from the theatre or be picked up by a parent. You can make this decision for your child on the off-site form.

The **total cost of this visit is £20**. This amount is payable via Wisepay, you will find it under the "Trips and Visits" section. We request that this amount is paid by Monday 12th June 2023. Should you have any difficulties in accessing your account, or any concerns about making the payment due, please contact Mrs Howley in the Finance office at your earliest convenience. **We appreciate this is a very tight turnaround so please do contact us if payment can't be made on time, we will be happy to advise.**

In order for your son/daughter to attend this visit you must complete the school's offsite visit form. This is available via the hyperlink below. Please ensure that this is completed by Monday 12th June 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7Pk1ZVVzTx>

More details on the show can be found here: <https://www.thewomaninblack.com/home>

Finally, please review the school's code of conduct for offsite visits below:

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1070>

Many thanks for your support of the curriculum at SHSB!

Mrs A Frost, Subject Leader of Drama

Mrs N Williams, Leader of KS3 English

