

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) of Drama students in Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

As part of the GCSE, AS and A-level Drama and Theatre course, students are required to write a live theatre review, under exam conditions, as a part of their final written exam. Students will need to attend this theatre trip in order to complete their final exam and will be required to make notes, analyse and evaluate the performance seen during the trip and in preparation leading up to their exam. With this in mind, I have organised a theatre trip on **Tuesday 3rd March** to see Frantic Assembly's new show 'I think we are alone.' I have to make you aware this show is recommended for over 14's.

*Frantic Assembly are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a brand new production, **I THINK WE ARE ALONE** by Sally Abbott, co-directed by Kathy Burke and Scott Graham. **I THINK WE ARE ALONE** is a bitter sweet and funny take on our ache to connect with those voices we need to hear again, those arms we need to feel around us and those faces we need to see again. It is about letting go and holding on to what we love the most. **I THINK WE ARE ALONE** is a delicate and uplifting play about our fragility, resilience and our need for love and forgiveness.*

See website for more details: <https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/productions/i-think-we-are-alone>

Please see below details of the itinerary:

- Departure: Meeting time at 3.45pm Southend High School for Boys, travelling by coach.
- Arrival time (Estimate): 5.30pm – Students will have 1hr 30mins of free time to get food in groups of no less than four.
- Show start time: 7.30pm
- Estimated Running time: Two hours, including an interval (timings will be communicated to students well in advance of the day of the trip.)
- Estimated arrival back: 11pm at Southend High school for boys.

A **contribution of £24.50** is requested to cover the cost of the theatre ticket and coach travel expenses; this is to be paid via Wisepay **by Friday 14th February 2020**. Please ensure you complete the required offsite visit form which is found on the payment screen for this trip, it appears as a blue hyperlink and is submitted by pressing the 'save details' button. Please ensure that this form is completed by the 14th February 2020. Students who do not return this form will not be able to go on this trip and so will not be able to complete the course.

Students may also want to purchase a programme as the theatre trip is for their exam, and I would recommend students to buy their own, or buy one between groups to share. Students will also need money to buy food within their free time.



School uniform **need not** be worn, but students need to ensure they bring appropriate clothing with them to school on the day. Please remember that smoking and the consumption of alcohol are strictly forbidden on all school visits.

There may be an opportunity to buy food and drink near the theatre, traffic permitting, therefore students will be allowed to have free time in groups of no fewer than four near the theatre, and will meet myself and the other staff thirty minutes before the show begins. Therefore, students should bring an appropriate amount of money to buy their food. Exemplary behaviour is also expected of all students.

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
Leader of Drama