

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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4th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Noël Coward Theatre, London - Wednesday 24th June 2026

As part of the school's wider extracurricular and enrichment programme, this opportunity has now been extended to all Year 12 students. The production may be of particular interest to students studying English, Drama, Modern Languages, History, Philosophy, Politics, and other humanities and arts subjects.

Students are being offered the opportunity to attend a performance of *Cyrano de Bergerac* at the Noël Coward Theatre in London on Wednesday 24 June 2026.

Edmond Rostand's celebrated play is regarded as one of the great works of French theatre, combining romance, wit, tragedy, and questions surrounding identity, honour, reputation, and self-perception. This acclaimed modern adaptation, starring Adrian Lester and Susannah Fielding, offers students an exciting opportunity to experience a live professional production while engaging with themes and ideas relevant across a range of academic disciplines. The visit is designed to broaden students' cultural and intellectual horizons and provide valuable enrichment beyond the classroom.

Travel

We will travel by train, departing from school at approximately 10:30am. Students should bring a packed lunch or purchase food at breaktime before departure. While there may be a short opportunity to buy food near the theatre, this cannot be guaranteed.

The performance begins at 2:00pm and is expected to finish at approximately 5:00pm. We anticipate returning to Prittlewell Station at approximately 7:00pm. Students must either be collected by a parent/carer from the station or have permission to make their own way home independently. This permission must be provided through the form in ParentPay. If permission is not granted, a parent/carer will be expected to collect their child from the station.

Cost & Payment

The total cost of the visit is £54, which includes the theatre ticket and return rail travel. The theatre tickets have been offered at a special educational rate. Payment should be made via ParentPay. To secure a place on the visit, payment and the completion of medical questions are **both** required by Thursday 4th of June 2026. Please note that the school's payment deadline falls on the following day. Spaces will be awarded on a **first come first served basis**, with **payment securing this**.



If you experience any difficulties accessing ParentPay or have concerns regarding payment, please contact Miss Payagala in the Finance Office as soon as possible.

Please also be aware that the production contains haze, loud noises including gunfire and explosions, flashing lights and strobe effects, strong language, and smoking.

Finally, we ask that all students remember that they are representing the school throughout the visit and are therefore expected to follow the school's Code of Conduct for Offsite Visits at all times.

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

Thank you for your continued support of enrichment opportunities within the English curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O Randall
Teacher of English