



Our Ref: HTY

November 2023

**Year 10 & 11 Drama Parents/Carers**

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Trip to see The Life of Pi at The Lowry Theatre, Salford – Thursday 14 December 2023**

As part of the GCSE Drama course, pupils are required to write an evaluation of a live performance. We have therefore booked tickets to see a matinee performance of The Life of Pi at The Lowry Theatre in Manchester on Thursday 14 December 2023 at 2.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to see an award-winning new adaptation of Yann Martel's novel, which boasts amazing use of puppetry, design and performance! The theatre itself is also next to MediaCityUK, which is home to BBC and ITV studios, with time for students to have a look around before the performance.

This is a compulsory part of the course which will be assessed as part of the final written examination, therefore it is imperative that all pupils attend. We would like to ask for a contribution of **£43.85** to help cover the cost of ticket and coach fare to Manchester. Any pupil who currently receives free school meals or has done in the past 6 years can contact Jayne Elliott for further support with funding. We appreciate that the current economic climate may make this payment challenging for all, so if you have any concerns about the fee, please do contact the school to discuss this further.

Payments can be made online using the ParentPay site. If you require activation information for your ParentPay account please contact us. If you do not have access to a computer or wish to pay cash please contact the school to request a barcoded letter which can be taken, along with your payment, to a store displaying the PayPoint logo. All payments need to be received by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. We realise this is a tight turnaround and a difficult time of year financially for some, so please contact us if you require a later date.

Please be aware that any pupils who are behaving inappropriately in school before the trip or not achieving will have any social time in Manchester taken away from them and they will spend all of their time escorted by staff. We ask for your understanding on this matter.

The coach will depart from Dormston at 9.00am and will return at 8.00pm approximately. It is your responsibility to ensure the safe return of your child from school to home. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch – free school meals pupils will be able to collect this from the canteen before we leave. There will be a stop at the services both on the way there and back to break up the journey. Pupils will also have some free time in Salford before the show.

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

Yours sincerely

**Mrs H Toy**  
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