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**Monday 28 January**

Dear Parents

## **Visit to York Theatre Royal – ‘Noughts and Crosses’**

I am organising a theatre visit to see **‘Noughts and Crosses’** by **Pilot Theatre Company** at the York Theatre Royal on **Wednesday 3 April** for students in Years 10, 11, and 12. The production begins at 7.30 pm and should end at approximately 10.00 pm.

The visit is compulsory for Year 10 Drama and Theatre Studies students as it will be the basis for Component 1 of the written examinations for GCSE (Response to Live Theatre question). The visit is also compulsory for Year 11 students in my GCSE Drama and Theatre Studies class, as the class have studied ‘Noughts and Crosses’ as their set text for Section B of the Component 1 Written examination. However, the visit is also open to other students in Year 11 and also Year 12.

To cover the costs of the theatre ticket, transport and insurance the visit will cost £16 which will need to be paid via ParentPay.

Coach transport will leave Tadcaster Grammar School bus park at 6.00 pm and will return to Tadcaster Grammar School after the performance. The estimated time of departure from the York Theatre Royal is 10.00 pm and will be back at school for approximately 10.30pm.

By agreeing to your child taking part in this visit, you agree to your child receiving emergency medical and dental treatment of any nature as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I agree that if my child urgently requires medical or dental treatment and it is not possible to contact me, the Party Leader in charge at the time is authorised on my behalf to give consent to such emergency treatment. I will inform the school of any changes in my child's medical or dietary requirements since enrolment to the school. I will inform the school of any changes to emergency contact telephone numbers since enrolment.

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988 the school is not allowed to make a charge for this activity for Year 10 and 11, but we are permitted to ask for voluntary contributions, and the governors have authorised me to do so. I am sure that you will understand that we cannot afford to pay for it from the funds available to us. I therefore ask if you would be willing to make a contribution of £16.00 towards the cost of this activity. No Year 10 or 11 Drama student will be excluded if his/her parent/guardian/carer does not make this contribution. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not received however, the visit will not take place.

For parents/carers of students who have been advised they are eligible for Pupil Premium, the costs will automatically be taken from their Pupil Premium funding, but you must request a place by sending in a letter of consent which should be given to me before **Monday 18 February 2019**. Financial bursaries may be

available for eligible sixth form students to help with costs. Please see the information on our website or Alison Haddock for details. If you are applying for a bursary please send me a letter of consent to request a place on the visit.

Please ensure that the £16 payment has been made via ParentPay by **Monday 18 February 2019** at the latest.

Yours sincerely

Mr G O'Neil  
Teacher of Drama and Theatre Studies