



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian

Year 11 Theatre Trip – Blood Brothers at the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford

I am arranging a Year 11 Trip to see Willy Russell's production of 'Blood Brothers' at the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford on Tuesday 31 October 2017. Your son/daughter is studying 'Blood Brothers' as a set text for their GCSE English Literature exam. It is a play about a single mother in financial desperation who gives away one of her newborn twin sons and attempts to keep them from discovering one another's true identity. However, their lives become unavoidably linked and her secrecy leads them to a tragic ending.

The opportunity to see the text in performance is invaluable in terms of enhancing students' appreciation and understanding of it; it is also an amazing production! Various reviews of the show have included the following "***Devastating. A masterpiece. If you haven't seen it, go!***" "***5 stars! Gripping, gritty and superbly hummable, it's a must!***"

Return travel is by coach to the Alhambra and pupils should be at school for **17:30 for a 17:45 departure** returning at approximately 23:00. We have secured excellent seat in the stalls for the performance and the cost of the trip will be **£44.50**, which will cover the cost of the theatre ticket and return transport. To reserve a place, please pay by Wednesday 13 September on ParentPay or by cheque made payable to St Aidan's C of E High School and return with the consent form below (cheque only). Medical and contact information will be taken from the school database; please contact school if any changes are to be made.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip staff are acting in *loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the well-being of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands *before* accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the trip leader, the head of year and senior staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Regards

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YEAR 11 – THEATRE TRIP – BLOOD BROTHERS ALHAMBRA THEATRE (only return if paying by cheque)

I would like a place on the above trip for my son/daughter on Tuesday 31 October 2017. I enclose a **cheque** for £44.50.

Name of Pupil Form

Signed Parent / Guardian Date

Please return form with your cheque to the Finance Office by Wednesday 13 September. Thank you.

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