

November 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian

Sociology Trip – Dead Cats at Harrogate Grammar School on Tuesday 15 November 2022

Harrogate Theatre has kindly offered us tickets to see the performance of the critically acclaimed **Dead Cats** (part of the *Truth to Power Project*) which is being held at Harrogate Grammar School on Tuesday 15 November 2022.

This contemporary stage-play will allow Sociology students to investigate the narratives of modern politics and the hierarchies of control that occur through the manipulation 'truth', and how this in turn manipulates reality and the formation of our world view. The play is a socially-engaged exploration of power, democracy, truth-telling, protest, privacy, conspiracy, and control firmly embedded in the present day international political arena.

The play focusses on media manipulation, governmental lies, political protest, secrecy, democracy, power, and influence, **Dead Cats** blends new writing, performance and film-making. It shows, rather than tells, the truths behind the fictions. It will show students how the theories they have been learning in Sociology play out in real life.

The cost of the performance is £11.00 and is showing on your ParentPay account now. Students should meet our staff at the side of the main car park at Harrogate Grammar School at 19:15 and be collected at 20:45 when it finishes.

As this event is imminent, payment should be made by 09:00 on Monday 14 November 2022. Consent for the trip is also required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online you are agreeing to your child taking part in the trip, the cost and confirming that their medical details are up to date. Please note that payments are non-refundable.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at The Associated Sixth Form. Please help us by reinforcing to your child our expectations on behaviour in order that each student can gain the maximum out of the trip. If we have any concerns about a student's participation on this trip in the time between now and the date of departure, we reserve the right to withdraw the student's place.

Kind regards

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