

November 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

Theatre trip – ‘Blue Beard’ at the York Theatre Royal, Friday 1 March 2024

We are delighted to have secured tickets for our Drama students, for the evening performance of ‘Blue Beard’ at the York Theatre Royal on Friday 1 March 2024. The performance begins at 19:30 and we will stay afterwards for a post-show discussion.

The performance will support the A Level Drama and Theatre written paper, which requires students to write analytically about Live Theatre. Additionally, ‘Blue Beard’ is directed by Emma Rice, who was formally a director of our Devised Unit Practitioner: Kneehigh. In this way, the trip should support students across the breadth of the course.

The cost of the trip is £39.50 which includes the theatre ticket and return coach travel from St Aidan’s to York with Atkinson’s Coaches.

We will meet in the main car park at St Aidan’s on **Friday 1 March 2024 at 17:30 for a prompt departure at 17:45**. We expect the post-show discussion to finish at approximately 22:30-22:45 and we are aiming to be back at school at approximately 23:45. Apologies that this will be a late night for students.

The trip is now showing on your ParentPay account and payment should be made by Wednesday 22 November 2023 at the latest. The play is in high demand, and we are only able to reserve tickets for a few weeks, hence the advance payment and relatively short notice period.

Please note the trip is **not** available on the St John Fisher’s ParentPay. If you require an activation code for the St Aidan’s ParentPay, please email parentpay@staidans.co.uk prior to Wednesday 22 November 2023. It is important to include your child’s name in the email.

Consent for the trip is also required on ParentPay and by ticking the box online, you are agreeing to your child taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that their medical details that we hold at school are up to date. Please note that all payments are non-refundable unless a replacement student can be found.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan’s. 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

Emma Levahn
Head of Drama