

January 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian

Years 12 theatre trip to see *A Thousand Splendid Suns* at Leeds Playhouse

We are very excited to have secured tickets for the forthcoming stage production of Khalid Hosseini's acclaimed novel *A Thousand Splendid Suns* at Leeds Playhouse on **Thursday 5 June 2025**.

Hosseini's novel *The Kite Runner* is one of the key texts studied by students in Year 13 for A Level Literature as part of the Political and Social Protest unit. *The Kite Runner* shares the setting of Afghanistan and many themes of personal rebellion against religious fundamentalism and patriarchy with *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

We have secured a preferential ticket price and to keep the cost of the trip to a minimum we are requesting that students meet us at the Leeds Playhouse at 7pm (for a 7.30pm start) and request that they are collected by a parent outside the Playhouse at approximately 10.30pm (we will confirm a more exact time closer to the event). We require **all** students to be collected by a parent or guardian at the end of the evening.

The cost of the trip is £16.00 per person and will now be showing on your St Aidan's ParentPay account. 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. It is important to include your child's name in the email. **Deadline for signing up and payment is Friday 21st March 2025.**

Consent for the trip is also required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online you are agreeing to your student taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that their medical details are up to date. Please note also that payments are non-refundable. We want our enrichment activities to be available to all students so please do contact us if cost is an issue.

School trips form an important part of the curriculum offered in the Sixth Form. Please help us by reinforcing to your student 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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