

24th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Sixth Form Taming Of The Shrew Trip

The English department is delighted to inform you that we have been able to book 18 tickets for Sixth Form students to enjoy an evening performance of *Shakespeare's Taming Of The Shrew* at The Globe Theatre, London. This is a great opportunity to watch a production live and to encourage a passion for the theatre. ***Year 12 English Literature Students are currently studying the play as a part of their A level English Literature course and it is one of the texts that students will explore in their CLOSED BOOK examinations at the end of Year 13. Creative Writing and Year 13 English Literature students would benefit from the experience of watching a director's interpretation of an iconic Shakespearean comedy and considering its relevance to today's audience.***

Two sisters are being married off. Bianca is hell-bent on it and can't wait to fly the nest. Kate, on the other hand, balks at the thought of losing her independence and struggles to think of anything worse. That's all well and good, but Kate has to marry first for Bianca to be allowed. And whilst Bianca has no shortage of offers, who will get hitched to Kate, the fabulous and ungovernable shrew? Perhaps Petruchio might take her on for a bet: he's a bit of a gold-digger and as wild and rebellious as our Kate...

More information can be found at: <http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/theatre/whats-on/globe-theatre/the-taming-of-the-shrew-2016>

In addition we have booked a Pre Theatre Lecture given by leading scholars and some of the cast which will further enhance students understanding and interpretations of the play.

In line with the school charging policy the voluntary contribution for this trip is **£35.00**. This includes entry to the theatre, the pre theatre lecture and the return coach journey. As with all trips if we receive insufficient contributions the trip may need to be cancelled. The actual cost to the school will be £45, but as this in part due to the smaller nature of A level groups and the expensive prices at The Globe Theatre, the English Faculty, on this occasion, will fund a £10 subsidy for each child. Should you require any further support with payment, please do let us know, as we may be able to apply for a Sixth Form bursary. We would not wish anyone to miss out due to cost.

The trip is after school on **Tuesday 17th March 2016**. We plan on leaving the school by **15:45pm** and should arrive back at school at approximately **23:45 (to be confirmed once running time has been set by The Globe)**. **Please ensure that you have made arrangements to have your child collected from school or that you have given written permission for them to walk unescorted as we cannot let them leave alone so late in the evening without permission.**



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We appreciate the late return of this trip; **however students are required to come into MARRIOTT'S school normal time the following day.** Absence or late attendance due to tiredness will not be authorised.

Students will need to consider carefully how they will have dinner that day as there is little time between the end of school and the leaving of the coach. A packed 'tea' might be advisable. Students may also wish to bring additional money to purchase a light snack/drink at the theatre. This can be very expensive and you might prefer to provide them with a snack to bring with them, however please avoid sweets with wrappers as live theatre requires sensitivity to noise levels. No food is to be consumed on the coach.

We very much hope that students can join us on the trip as it is a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop a wide range of literacy skills required for English Literature. Please complete the **permission slip below** and **pay online via Wise Pay** (please see below) by **Friday, 18th, March** to secure a place.

Wisepay

Please make payment for the trip via Wisepay, <http://marriotts.herts.sch.uk/wisepay/> You will need your user name and password to log in. The trip will be listed under the picture of the coach. If you have any problems using WisePay or need a user name/password reminder please e-mail finance@marriotts.herts.sch.uk Please do not bring cash or cheques to school.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:
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Yours faithfully,

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Sixth Form Trip to Taming Of The Shrew: Tuesday 17th May 2016

Students Name: _____ **Form:** _____

- I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Taming Of The Shrew
- I have a voluntary contribution of £35 for this trip via WisePay
- The emergency contact details and medical details the school holds for my child are up to date. *(If changes are required please detail below)*

Signature: _____ **Relationship to Student** _____



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