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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Drama Trip - The Pillowman - Duke of York Theatre

The Drama Faculty has organised a theatre trip visit to The Duke of York Theatre in London to see a production of an A Level text called The Pillowman by Martin McDonagh. The production stars Lily Allen and Steve Pemberton in a story about a totalitarian state where a writer is questioned by the authorities about a spate of murders that bear similarities to a collection of short stories he has written. It is widely regarded as one of the greatest plays of the past 25 years and examines the role of the artist in society and asks what price is paid for freedom of expression. The trip will take place on Wednesday 12th July at 4.45pm. There is a recommended age restriction of 16+ due to the themes presented in the play.

The cost of the ticket is £17.50. Students will also need to purchase a train ticket or travel card at the station as we will be traveling by train and tube. Please make your payment via ParentPay at the website <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and complete the reply slip and return it to Mrs Hardacre by Friday 16th June 2023.

We will be travelling by train to the theatre as a group and students are expected to meet at St Albans station for 4.45pm. We will then return back to St Albans station as a group and we expect to return at approximately 11.00pm. With your permission students will be allowed to make their own way home once we have arrived back at the station, alternatively, you will need to make arrangements to collect your child.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Hardacre

Director of Learning, Drama

























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