

October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Planned trip to: The Playhouse, Harlow – The Doctor’s Show and Hitler on Trial History Revision Trip.**

**Date: 20 February 2018**

As part of our commitment to enrich the lives of our students, the History Department is planning an exciting visit to the Harlow Playhouse, Harlow in February 2018 to participate in The Doctor’s Show, and Hitler on Trial, an interactive GCSE revision programme linked to their new 9-1 GCSE course. Each conference consists of a 'grade-booster' workshop, showing students how to improve their exam grades, and an interactive play that dramatises key elements of the specifications.

The aims of the visit are to:

- Help students develop and reinforce examination skills.
- Help students develop and revise their understanding of the key events and periods in their course.
- Develop their knowledge of, and ability to demonstrate their understanding of the high concept skills of causation, consequence, continuity and change.

Included in the show is an interactive exam workshop where students will take on the role of an exam marker and critique a range of answers. These exam style workshops give students the opportunity to review the mark scheme requirements and develop good exam/revision strategies.

The department aims to take the whole cohort of History GCSE students (88 students).

As we have previously attended this production, we have been offered a 10% 'early booking' discount on tickets.

An outline of the **proposed itinerary** for the visit can be seen below.

The **maximum** price of the trip will be £50 and the price includes the following:

- Entrance to both performances.
- A 16 page resource pack with model answers and exam guidance for each performance.
- A 28 page extension revision booklet for each performance.

***If your child is registered with the Academy for Free School Meals we may be able to offer assistance with the cost of the trip. (Please tick the FSM box on the attached consent form).***

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On the day of the trip, students should arrive at the **Harlow Playhouse** in full academy uniform by **9:15am**. Any student registered for the trip that fails to attend will have their absence reported to the Academy by 9:30 am.

Students will be dismissed from the theatre at **4:00pm** when the second show finishes. Parents wishing to collect their children should meet at the theatre entrance at this time.

Students should bring a packed lunch and a bottled drink with them in a disposable plastic bag.

A student's participation in this trip will be dependent upon a consistent record of good behaviour and an evident commitment to their learning in the classroom. The Academy reserves the right to refuse entry to /withdraw a student from a trip if they do not meet this requirement.

**Payment Details**

To request a place, please complete the attached consent slip and medical information form and submit along with your payment (**£50.00**), in an envelope addressed to: **History Theatre Trip - Finance Office** by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**. The envelope should be placed in the secure grey box next to the reval machine in the main corridor.

Payments can be made either through Tucasi Scopay, our online payments system, or by cheque made payable to 'Academy Transformation Trust'.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



**Ms J Craine**  
**Head of History**

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**Reply slip to Ms Craine**

I would like my child ..... Tutor Group.....  
to attend the History Revision Trip in February 2018.

I have paid online

I have paid by cheque

Signed..... (Parent/Carer)

Date.....

