

October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 9 Drama Trip: *The Woman In Black* – Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

The Drama department is delighted to be able to offer fifty Year 9 students an amazing opportunity to see the acclaimed West End production of *The Woman in Black* at Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury, on **Tuesday 26th November 2019** at 7.30pm. This trip would be ideal for any students who are thinking about studying Drama at GCSE; the trip will give students a flavour of the productions they will be a part of in Year 10 and Year 11.

The Woman in Black is described as a 'truly nerve-shredding experience'. It offers students the opportunity to see actors multi-role whilst experiencing a wide range of dramatic stage elements. Students study this play in Year 9, and the chance to see it live will support their ability to appreciate and evaluate the creation of atmosphere, illusion and horror.

We will travel to Aylesbury by coach, departing from school at 5.45pm in order to see the 7.30pm performance. Students will meet in The Holt Café at 5.15pm. We will arrive back at school at approximately 11.00pm. We would appreciate it if parents could collect their daughters promptly from the bus stop opposite St Paul's Church. Your daughter should bring a packed tea with her and eat before the trip departs, as there may not be time to obtain or eat food once we have arrived at the theatre.

The tickets for this performance have been held for us at a reasonable price, however, we do need to secure them through payment as soon as possible. The total cost for the trip (which includes the theatre ticket and coach travel) will be **£20.00**. The deadline for payment is by **9am on Wednesday 23rd October 2019**. We have places for **90 students** to travel to the event. If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held to allocate places and a waiting list opened.

Payment for the trip needs to be made via WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account for details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the Deputy School Business Manager.

Payment for the trip will be deemed as your consent for your child to participate. However, **if the school receives Pupil Premium funding for your child**, then please give your consent here [Pupil Premium](#), and do not make a payment.

In cases of severe financial hardship, please contact Mrs Martin, Assistant Headteacher, who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help or to discuss the situation

Please check, and amend if necessary, the personal, medical and emergency contact details that we hold for your child using the SIMS Parent App. Please ensure this is always kept up to date.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Edwards
Head of Drama