

06/10/2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Merchant of Venice workshop – The Playground Theatre
Thursday 19th October**

We have just been given the opportunity to take a small number of Y9 boys to The Playground Theatre in London to take part in a workshop run by the renowned playwright Bill Alexander. He is best known for his work with The Royal Shakespeare Company and his production of *The Snowman* is performed in London's West End every year. The workshop will focus on *The Merchant of Venice* which is the Shakespeare play that Year 9 students will be studying later in the school year.

On Thursday 19th October, we will be travelling by coach leaving school at 8:00am for a two hour workshop. We will return to school at around 14:00. The total cost will be £20.50. Your son should bring a packed lunch on the day.

If you wish your son to go on this trip, please log onto Parent Pay, look up the "Y9 Theatre Trip" and pay the full amount of £20.50 by Tuesday 10th October 2023. Places for this trip are extremely limited with only thirty spaces available. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

This is an excellent opportunity to visit a real working theatre and to work closely with a highly acclaimed director. It will also be very beneficial to your son's study of one of his set texts for the Year 9 End of Year Exam.

Yours faithfully,

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