

27 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**A Christmas Carol at The Courtyard, Hereford**  
**7.45pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

As you know, your child is preparing to take English Literature GCSE in May next year. A Christmas Carol is one of the three set texts for the exam and we would like to take your child to The Courtyard in Hereford to see a performance of it on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It is always illuminating for students to see a text brought to life on stage or screen and it would be an opportunity for them to consolidate their knowledge of key themes and characters as well as providing a deeper understanding of Dickens' twin messages about Christmas and social reform.

We have been fortunate enough to reserve a quantity of tickets for this exciting production for a slightly reduced door price of £12.50 and we hope that you will encourage your child to attend. As the performance takes place in the evening and is relatively local, students should make their own way to the Courtyard where we will meet them at 7.30 pm and they should be collected from there at the end – around 9.15pm (tbc). Please make sure you see a member of school staff before you take your child away from the theatre.

If more students wish to go than there are tickets, in the interests of fairness, the Senior Leadership Team will allocate tickets at random. As with any trip, students may be removed from the theatre visit at any time if their behaviour is not excellent in school and in which case no money will be refunded. Similarly, no money will be refunded if students simply change their mind about going. Students in receipt of the Free School Meal premium need not pay, but will still need to let me know that they wish to go, by returning the reply slip.

Please pay £12.50 on ParentPay to secure your ticket, returning the reply slip to me. All tickets must be paid for by the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Yours faithfully

Ann Meredith  
Teacher of English

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I give permission for my child (print full name)..... to attend the above performance at The Courtyard, Hereford.

I will ensure they are at The Courtyard for **7.30pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023** and will collect them promptly at 9.00pm (tbc).

I have paid £12.50 on ParentPay.

Free School Meals Recipient.

Signed (person with parental responsibility)..... Date .....