



3 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 English Trip - Candlelit Macbeth – Wednesday 18 October 2023

We are delighted to inform you that the English Department has organised an evening trip to see a production of Shakespeare's great tragedy Macbeth, at Norden Farm, Maidenhead on the evening of Wednesday 18 October 2023.

This is a set text on the GCSE curriculum that students at Cox Green School study. The play was written to be seen rather than read and that is why it is such an enriching experience to watch the drama. The plot is well known, involving a valiant fighter, his ambitious wife, some trouble making witches and a thrilling battle scene at the end. It is a morality tale that was written for a new King of England (James I) in a time of great political unrest. Its enduring power comes from the themes of unchecked ambition, guilt, the power of evil and the resolution of justice.

In attending the play at Norden Farm students will watch a candlelit production, in keeping with original winter performances that would occur at the King's Court. This kind of experience is much more memorable than watching a film of the play and will put them in good stead for the study and ultimate sitting of their exam on the topic. Attending the theatre is a practise that is fundamental to the study of English and we very much hope that you will give permission for your child to attend.

There are 54 places available, and we are able to offer this trip at a subsidised cost of £7.20 per student. Places will be offered on a first come first services basis. To secure your child's place, we ask you to please make payment via your child's sQuid account which will be open for payment from 7pm on Sunday 8 October 2023 (closing 10pm on Tuesday 10 October 2023). Please note that due to the nature of this trip, we are unable to refund the cost, if your child is unable to attend.

As we anticipate this to be a high demand trip, we would advise parents/carers to log in to sQuid using a web browser rather than using the sQuid app. We have found that occasionally, certain phone models do not fully support the functionality of the sQuid app and parents/carers have struggled to complete the booking process. Please ensure you select the trip from the Trips/Offer Section, add the trip to your basket, agree to the Terms & Conditions, and then fully check out. Please ensure you select the correct offer for the year group your child is in.

Students are to make their own travel arrangements to Norden Farm to arrive for 7.00pm where a register will be taken. A Q&A session will take place at the end of the production, and we ask parents/carers to arrange collection of their child at 9.20pm. Students will need to sign out with me before departing. School uniform does not need to be worn at this event, but suitable appropriate casual clothing may be worn, and students may wish to bring a water bottle with them.

Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.

If you would like any further information about this particular trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email on enquiries@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Lynch
Head of English

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school expectations for the Behaviour Policy being met. Any student who receives a suspension may have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be resold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be resold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the costs of this trip, from the school's Pupil Premium funding. To make a request for assistance please contact the Finance Office via email: finance@coxgreen.com or in writing to the school; including your child's name and form, stating that they are, or have been in receipt of free school meals. The Pupil Premium funding is to be used for educational purposes only.*
- *Please note that Pupil Premium support for this trip is limited to 10% of the total cost of the trip and all requests should be made by 12 noon on Friday 6 October 2023.*
- *Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.*
- *This is an optional trip and is not essential to the curriculum or completion of the syllabus being studied.*
- *There will be no insurance cover due to disinclination to travel.*