



29th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 9 Creativity Day Plans**

The English Department is delighted to be leading the Year 9 Creativity Day this year, and we have secured tickets to see 'A Christmas Carol' at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford. 'A Christmas Carol' is the first of our GCSE English Literature texts, and your son or daughter will be studying it this time next year, so it's an important opportunity to do some prior learning before the start of their GCSE courses. We have taken students to see this production before, and it is fantastic; a great introduction to Dickens, the Victorian era and, of course, the importance of seasonal cheer!

However, there is no matinee performance on the Creativity Day of November 9th, so we are approaching the day with a little bit of creativity. The Year 9 Creativity Day event will take place on the evening of Tuesday 8th, with the curtain rising in Stratford at 7.00pm. Due to the late night arrival back at school, Year 9 will be allowed to complete the follow up work (set by the English team) at home on Wednesday. We are aware that some students might prefer to be at school, so we will be offering a room for supervised quiet study at school throughout the day on Wednesday. Please let me know if you will be using this facility, so I have an idea of who I am expecting. Any Year 9 who selects *not* to come on the trip, will be expected to attend school on Wednesday 9th.

In order for this trip to take place, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of **£27.45**. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this trip will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs of this trip through voluntary contributions. If your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant their contribution can be covered. You do not need to inform the school if you would like the PPG to be applied but please log in to SCOPAY to provide consent for the trip.

<b>When?</b>	Tuesday 8th November
<b>Where?</b>	Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford
<b>Leaving school at:</b>	4pm
<b>To be collected from school at:</b>	11.15pm (ish)
<b>School uniform:</b>	No, but dress appropriately for the theater (no tall hats)
<b>Cost:</b>	£27.45

Along with payment, please complete the consent form, including entering contact details and any allergy/medical needs, via SCOPAY as detailed below.

*Methods of payment and consent are as follows:*

- Please pay by credit or debit card via the school website or the SCOPAY app. **You will also give consent for the trip here**
- To do this you should go to <http://langtreeschool.com> and click on the SCOPAY icon on the front page. If you don't have your pupil link code contact finance who can give you the code. Alternatively you can download the app from your app store once you have an account set up
- **You will be asked to give consent for your child to attend the trip on SCOPAY before you make the payment.** Please add in your emergency contact details for the day of the trip and any allergies/medical needs, in the comments / optional note text box
- If you have any queries or difficulties with payment, please contact the finance office at: [finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com)

As you may well be aware, the school has a twitter account which we use to provide updates to parents of all residential trips out of school. Please follow us @head4094 to receive important news bulletins from the trip leaders via twitter. Updates will also be posted on the school website.

Registering your child on this trip represents a commitment that they will take part in this trip. Trips require extensive planning, organisation and careful costing based on the number of students participating. It is not therefore possible for students to withdraw from a trip having previously made a commitment to take part. All monies paid are on a nonrefundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead.

The school reserves the right to withdraw students from a trip when there are concerns about behaviour, attendance or attitude. The full balance of the trip must be paid prior to the trip taking place.

All trips and visits, involving students from Langtree School, are always planned and risk assessed extremely carefully in order to ensure the highest level of safety for our students as we possibly can.

While we will continue to offer learning in 'the outdoor classroom' as we always have done so at Langtree, I would want to assure parents that we have reviewed all of our arrangements accordingly and that we will do everything in our control to ensure that all students participating on a trip can do so with a sense of safety, confidence and enjoyment.

Kind regards

Kate Shakespeare  
Head of English

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**Please provide consent online when you log in to SCOPAY. If for any reason you are unable to supply consent this way please email [finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com)**