

10 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

WAR HORSE – Bristol Hippodrome on Monday 16 June 2025

The Expressive Arts Faculty is delighted to be able to offer current Years 9 and 10 GCSE Drama students the opportunity to watch War Horse at the Bristol Hippodrome on Monday 16 June 2025.

This trip is essential for the Year 10 GCSE Drama students, as it will be the specific focus for their section B 'live theatre review' in their Written Exam Component, 'Performance and response', in May/June 2026. This will allow students the opportunity to encounter experiences that are unavailable in the classroom.

A visit to see the production live will support learners with critical thinking skills, research, analysis and making links between repertoire and practitioners' intentions, thus broadening their horizons and overall knowledge.

Year 10 students must bring paper and writing equipment with them in order to make notes (strictly no mobile phones are to be used during the performance). However, I would encourage students to ensure that this does not distract them from their observation of the performance. On their return, students will have the opportunity to develop, refine and complete their travel journals ready for assessment.

The trip will leave on Monday 16 June 2025 at 4.45pm, and returns at approximately 11.00pm. The total cost of the educational visit will be £35.

The cost will include the following: -

- Coach Travel
- War Horse Performance

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. **The trip is available on ParentPay.** If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay is also used as acceptance of your parental consent confirming that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student. **The deadline for payment is Friday 28 February 2025.**

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for students in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.



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- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, and the date and time of the meeting is circulated via Tutors and ClassCharts. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or email the office on office@kovessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Ms R Weaving
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