



11 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 Trip to Shakespeare's Birthplace and RSC, Stratford-upon-Avon, 23 March 2023

As part of our enrichment opportunities for English Literature, I am delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to join a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon on Thursday 23 March 2023 to expand their knowledge of Shakespeare and his works. During the day we will visit Shakespeare's Birthplace where, in addition to a guided tour of the house, students will attend a lecture by Dr Darren Freebury-Jones on Shakespeare and Tragedy, which will support their study of *Macbeth* later for GCSE English Literature. We also hope to be able to visit the schoolroom where Shakespeare was a pupil at King Edward VI School and learn about his education. In the evening, students will attend a performance of *Julius Caesar* at the Royal Shakespeare Company's Memorial Theatre. Although this is not a text that they are studying, it is an excellent opportunity to broaden their experience of live theatre and Shakespeare's work. We will leave school by coach at 11.15am and we expect to be back in Marlow around 11.30pm.

The cost of the trip will be **£45.00** including lecture, visits, theatre ticket, insurance and coach transport to and from Stratford. In line with the school's charging policy, parents are reminded that school charity funds exist to assist families whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their son/daughter from participating.

Places on the trip are limited, so in order to give all students a fair chance, rather than making it 'first-come, first-served', we are asking parents to register for a draw; we will then select 50 names at random for the tickets. If your son/daughter would like to join the trip, please register [using this link](#) by **Sunday 27 November**. Please check before entering their name that they will be available on the date of the trip. We will advise you if your child has been selected and you will then be able to pay for the trip on Parentpay.

If you have any questions please contact me via parents@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully
Mr J Lofthouse
Literacy Co-ordinator

