



10 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Y9 (10) Drama trip to *The Story* National Theatre, London - Thursday 1 October 2026

As part of their GCSE Drama studies, it is valuable for your child to attend live theatre performances, both to use as inspiration for their own performances and to analyse. To support this, we are offering current Year 9 students the opportunity to watch a performance of Tracey Scott Wilson's award-winning play *The Story* at the National Theatre in London on Thursday 1 October 2026 (when they will be in Year 10).

There's the truth and then there's the story

A rising reporter (Letitia Wright) lands the scoop of a lifetime: a murder, a gang, and a sensational lead that could rocket her to the top of the masthead. But as the facts begin to blur and ambition challenges her integrity, she is forced to navigate a cutthroat world where power is the only currency and truth is the first casualty.

This provocative thriller dives deep into the politics of race, representation, and the price of success in journalism today. In an era of misinformation, one question remains: who owns the story?

We will leave school by coach at 3.40pm, the performance starts at 6.30pm and should end around 9pm so we expect to be back in Marlow around 10.15pm.

The cost of the trip is **£28** including ticket, [insurance](#) and coach transport to and from London. 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 child from participating. Application must be made in writing to bursar@swbgs.com, outlining the reasons why support is required, as soon as possible and at the latest by the deadline.

Places on this trip are **limited to 40** and offered on a first come, first served basis **from 5pm on Monday 13 July**. If you wish to book a ticket for your child, please log onto [ParentPay](#) using your username and password to pay from 5pm on Monday 13 July. If you need a copy of your activation details, or are unable to access Parentpay, please email parentpay@swbgs.com. Once the 40 places have been taken the trip will no longer appear on your Parentpay account. If this occurs and you would like to be added to a waitlist, please email Mr Lofthouse via parents@swbgs.com. This is a Category B trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy. As such, payment for the trip on ParentPay is taken as confirmation of consent for your child to attend and that the contact details and medical information that the school has on record for you are up-to-date and correct.

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

Yours faithfully

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