



18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 12-13 theatre trip to *King Lear*, Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester - 4 November 2026

Your child is studying Shakespeare's *King Lear* for their English A Level and to support their studies we are organising a trip to see a production of the play at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester on Wednesday 4 November 2026. Whilst we appreciate that Manchester is a long way to go on a theatre trip, productions of *King Lear* are relatively rare, especially with an actor of the calibre of David Threlfall, so this is an excellent opportunity for the students to see a play they are studying brought to life on the stage, which is a valuable addition to their learning.

We will leave school by coach at 7.30am on Wednesday morning, aiming to arrive in Manchester in time for lunch before the performance which starts at 2pm. It is due to end around 5pm, so we should be back in Marlow around 10pm.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £65 to support the costs of this trip (including ticket, coach transport to and from Manchester and [insurance](#)); please note if we do not receive the required number of contributions we will be unable to run the trip. Bursary Funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies. In order to assess the requirement as fully as possible, students seeking such support are to discuss their whole year requirements with their Sixth Form Support Officer before applying.

Places on this trip are limited to 35 and offered on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to book a place for your child, please log onto [ParentPay](#) using your username and password to pay **before 9am on Wednesday 23 September**. Please note that tickets will not be available after this deadline. Once the 35 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 me via parents@swbgs.com. If you need a copy of your activation details, or are unable to access Parentpay, please email parentpay@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 your child studies French, please be aware the trip is the same day as the French A Level BFI Study Day (a letter regarding this was sent out last week).

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

Yours faithfully

Mr J Lofthouse

Literacy Co-ordinator

