

DCR/NBN

21 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 trip to Shakespeare's Birthplace – Monday 22 April 2024

Throughout their time at school, students study a range of Shakespeare's plays including *Macbeth* in Year 9 *and Romeo and Juliet* for GCSE. To support their studies, the English Faculty are running a trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon to visit Shakespeare's Birthplace. Students will have the opportunity to visit Shakespeare's childhood home in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon, hear tales of Shakespeare's family life and discover how the playwright continues to shape our lives today. Students will then have a 60-minute live session with an expert from the Shakespeare Centre where they will: discover facts about Shakespeare's life and times; explore Shakespeare's schooldays and discuss the nature of play-going in Shakespeare's London. The day finishes with a visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, the birthplace of Shakespeare's wife to be.

We will be leaving school at 7.00am and our expected time of return is 5.00pm (students will advise you at the earliest opportunity of any changes owing to traffic).

Students will need to bring a substantial packed lunch and also enough drink to last throughout the day. If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them. Students will be required to wear school uniform on this occasion, as well as a suitable warm waterproof coat and smart school shoes.

A limited number of places are available to students for this trip due to the limited size of the houses we will visit. **The cost of the trip will be £34.00.** If your child attracts Pupil Premium, the cost of the trip will be £5.00.

To register your child's interest for this trip, please complete the <u>Year 9 trip to Shakespeare's</u> <u>birthplace</u> Google form and make payment via Scopay by **Wednesday 28 February 2024.** If you have any difficulty paying online, please contact our Finance department at <u>finance@mountbatten.school</u> and they will be able to help you.

Should there be insufficient interest, the trip will not run. If the trip is oversubscribed, the school will apply the oversubscription criteria which can be found in our trip policy on our website.

Teachers accompanying visits carry an enormous responsibility for the students in their care. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

Cancellations made by parents/guardians:

Having secured a place, should you wish to cancel your child's place, the school will try to fill the place from any waiting list. If this is not possible, 100% cancellation charges will apply.

If you have any questions or queries about this trip, please contact me via info@mountbatten.school and mark for the attention of Mr Cheater.

Yours sincerely

D Cheater Acting Head of English