



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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8 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 trip to Shakespeare's Birthplace – Thursday 4 May 2023

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 is 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 full school uniform, as well as a suitable warm waterproof coat. Students must wear 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 is £38.00. If your child attracts Pupil Premium, we would ask for a contribution of £10.00 towards the cost of the trip.

To request a place for your child on this trip, please complete [Shakespeare's Birthplace Trip Google Form](#) and make your payment via Scopay **by Wednesday 22 February 2023** (if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, this payment will be refunded).

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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.

If you are experiencing any problems making a payment through Scopay, please contact the Finance Department on 01794 502502 or by email at finance@mountbatten.hants.sch.uk, who will be able to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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