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Dear Parent/Carer

**“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time” Year 10 Theatre Trip - 6 December 2018**

A theatre trip to see the matinee performance of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time” at the Piccadilly Theatre in London has been arranged for Year 10 GCSE Drama Students on Thursday 6 December 2018.

The National Theatre’s acclaimed production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is based on Mark Haddon’s award-winning novel, adapted by Simon Stephens and directed by Marianne Elliott. The play follows a 15 year-old maths genius who tries to unravel the mystery of his neighbour’s murdered dog that was found speared by a garden fork. Against his father’s orders, and in spite of his own personal limitations, Christopher sets out on a quest to discover the truth behind the murder. Unfortunately, the teen unearths more than he bargained for and eventually the secrets of his own life unravel before his very eyes. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is both a murder mystery and a tale of personal discovery for somebody on the edges of society.

Watching and reviewing this performance will form an essential part of the students’ GCSE written exam preparation and is an essential part of the GCSE course, however you are invited to make a voluntary contribution of **£29.50** which will cover the cost of this trip, to include travel, tickets and insurance. Although the contribution is voluntary, I do need to advise you that it is probable that the trip will not take place unless all parents are willing to contribute and an alternative, less costly, local trip will need to be arranged. With this in mind and to secure our booking with the theatre, **we are requesting full payment by Thursday 18 October.** If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you need financial assistance or you request to pay 50% by this date with the remainder in November, please contact the trips department.

We will travel by train to London, leaving school in the morning and would expect to arrive back in Hassocks around 7pm. Students are required to **wear school uniform**. Please complete and return the permission slip below and full payment to the Trips Box by Thursday 19 October. Please pay online, via SCO Pay, however if you are unable to pay on line, please return a cheque made payable to Downlands Community School or cash.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Robertson  
Head of Drama

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**RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE TRIPS BOX, BY THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER**

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Student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the above trip. Please indicate payment method and collection of your child.

- I have paid £29.50 on-line
- I enclose cash/a cheque for £29.50 (made payable to Downlands Community School)
- (Name) ..... will pick up my child from Hassocks Train Station at 7pm
- My child can make their own way home from Hassocks station

The school has taken out a *School Journey Insurance Policy* underwritten by AIG Insurance Plc for each pupil attending this activity, though claims arising from a pre-existing condition are exempt. The policy includes fixed levels of benefits in respect of Personal Accident and Personal Property. A copy of the policy schedule is available upon request. Any claim made under this policy does not affect your statutory rights. In respect of legal liability please note the school cannot be held responsible for any loss unless negligent.

Signed: ..... (Parent/Carer) Date:.....

