



9 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 13 A Level English Trip – Othello – Thursday 27 February 2020

We are delighted to offer our Year 13 A Level English students the opportunity to attend a series of lectures on the play Othello, being held at the London Irish Centre in London on Thursday 27 February 2020.

Othello is a compulsory play in the Edexcel examinations and, when writing their essays, students are required to offer insightful analysis on topics such as Iago's "motivation", place or setting in Othello, performance interpretations of the play, and the significance both literally and metaphorically of objects such as Desdemona's handkerchief. These are all topics that will be discussed by leading Shakespearean scholars at this event who are skilled at communicating specifically with A level students, so that they can make cutting edge scholarship accessible to wider audiences.

Four presentations (each lasting forty minutes) are offered on these different aspects of the play. Each presentation will be followed by a 20 minute question and answer session so that students may clarify and deepen their understanding of the topics covered. Another benefit of the day is it provides students with an opportunity to experience university-level teaching. This is an excellent way to prepare them for further studies at tertiary level. The conference begins at 11am and concludes at 4pm providing time for students to meet other A Level students from a range of schools. It will be invaluable preparation for the summer final exams.

We will travel to London by train and students are to meet at the front of Maidenhead train station at 9.00am on the day, where they can purchase their travel ticket directly. The cost of this travel card is (approx.) £17.50 and we ask that students pay this directly on the day. We aim to return to Maidenhead Train Station by 6.00pm and ask you to please arrange collection of your child accordingly.

The cost of this trip is £29.75 per student and we request that you please make payment using our on-line e-payment system, with your child's sQuid account, and you will be able to do this from today (closing date: 10pm, Thursday 16 January 2020.) Please note we will not be able to refund the cost of this trip if your child is unable to attend. As a reminder and in line with school policy, mobile phones are not permitted on any school trips or visits.

Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.

If in the meantime you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office or via email to enquiries@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Leary
Deputy Learning Leader: English

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school Behaviour Policy. Any student who receives an internal or fixed term external exclusion will have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be re-sold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be re-sold.*

- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.*
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