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Dear Parents,

Girls in Miss Parker's and Miss Cottingham's classes have been studying *Hamlet* for their coursework, which is assessed for both GCSE English Language and English Literature. While students have seen film versions of the play in class, we believe there is no substitute for watching it as Shakespeare himself intended – live on stage before an audience. Therefore, the English department has booked tickets to see the play at the Crescent Theatre in Sheepcote Street, near Brindleyplace, Birmingham, on Wednesday, March 17.

Due to the group booking we have managed to obtain tickets at a reduced price and the cost to students will be £11.

In order to keep costs to a minimum we will not be organising transport to the theatre and students will therefore need to make their own way to the venue and home again at the end of the night. The performance starts at 7.30pm and is expected to finish between 10pm and 10.15pm.

Students will be required to meet teaching staff at the theatre at **7pm** in order to be registered and allocated tickets. If students are being collected from the venue at the end of the performance, we kindly request that parents arrive promptly at **10pm**, ready to collect students. Students will be supervised by members of the English department throughout their time in the theatre. At all other times, students should be accompanied by a parent or should travel and wait with their friends (in at least groups of three).

All students requiring medication are reminded that they need to bring inhalers, epipens etc, with them. Students do not need to wear uniform, but are reminded that they are representatives of the school and should therefore dress suitably for the theatre (smart/casual).

If you wish for your daughter to attend, please deposit £11 into Parent Pay and return the attached forms (including the form regarding how your daughter intends to get to/from the venue) to the school office no later than **Thursday, March 4**. Tickets will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If all tickets have not been sold by March 5, the trip will be opened up to other students in years 10 and 11, so please respond to this letter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss A Parker and Miss J Cottingham

(English Department)