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Layla's Room by Sabrina Mahfouz and performed by Theatre Centre on 10 November at 7 p.m.

After the success of *The Muddy Choir* and *Rise Up* in previous years I have arranged for Theatre Centre to visit again, this time bringing Sabrina Mahfouz's *Layla's Room* to The Cripps Hall Theatre on Thursday 10 November at 7 p.m.

Layla is a teenage girl - funny, passionate and principled. But this evening, she's going nowhere fast. Accidentally locked in her bedroom for one last night before moving house, she reflects on her experiences in the room, talking to the memories of the people she's known. She looks at the everyday objects she sees in her room. The things that let her connect to the world, or block it out. The things that make her feel special, or make her feel sad. What do these objects say about the person she is, and the person she will become? And in a generation under more pressure than ever, what makes Layla... Layla?

"A live theatre experience to inspire and develop students' storytelling, performance and critical analysis skills."

I fully expect all students from Year 10 upwards, who are undertaking GCSE/A Level Drama, to attend this hour long event. The play will be followed by a 15 minute Question & Answer session and students in Years 10/11/12 will be undertaking a practice review on the performance. This is very important as students will have to produce an actual review in Years 11/13; Year 11 in controlled conditions and Year 13 under examination conditions so we are unable to mark this and hand it back, therefore, it is beneficial to get as much practice as possible with teacher feedback beforehand.

For Year 9, I would hope that as many as possible would aim to come along to experience live theatre and gain valuable ideas, especially those who are thinking of taking GCSE Drama. They will be undertaking a review on this, however, anybody not able to attend will be given a play to watch on Youtube so they will still have to undertake the work.

Year 13 will benefit from watching live theatre in preparation for their devised unit, particularly as they should experience a range of theatre and are required to cite influences.

Years 12/13 will also be participating in a workshop with two of the actors at 3:35 p.m. on the day of the performance for an hour at no extra cost.

The cost of this event has been subsidised but we would ask that you pay a contribution of £3. Please contact me if there are any issues with this. Please return the slip below with a cheque made payable to Northampton School for Boys to the Box Office. If you would prefer to book using a credit/debit card, please telephone 01604 258666 between 12 - 2 p.m.; a fee is charged for credit cards. Parents are also welcome to attend this performance for £3 each.

Mrs L Greenaway
Drama Teacher

To: The Box Office, Northampton School *for Boys*

Student: _____ Form: _____

I require ____ tickets at £3 each for ***Layla's Room*** on Thursday 10 November 2016 at 7 p.m.

I enclose payment of _____

(Please make cheques payable to Northampton School *for Boys*)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)