

LGR/shu

03 March 2016

Year 12 Theatre Trip – Lysistrata, The Castle, Wellingborough

As part of the A level Drama studies, I have arranged a theatre trip for Year 12 to see 'Lysistrata' by Aristophanes on Wednesday 23 March at The Castle Theatre, Wellingborough, at 7:30 p.m. This is the set text that they will study in Year 13 and I strongly recommend that «preferred» attends to give «himher» the advantage of experiencing someone else's interpretation brought to life to see how this play can work in performance. This will aid «preferred» in developing «hisher» own which «heshe» will have to write about for the final examination in 2017. This trip will help the students to answer Section B on the written paper (a 30 mark essay question worth 22.5 % of the marks awarded at A2, 11.25% of the overall marks for the A Level) which asks them to prepare a fully realised concept of Lysistrata for live performance as if they are the director, and compare this to the original Greek performance conditions. In nine years of teaching this text, this is only the second time it has been performed so I doubt that it will be performed next year. This will give Year 12 a head start!

The cost of the performance is £12. We will be travelling by minibus leaving school at 6:15 p.m. returning at approximately 10:15 p.m. Please advise me if «preferred» will be collected from The Castle instead of returning to school. Students are allowed to wear their own clothes but these should be smart casual (smart jeans - no holes and no tracksuits) as they are still representing the school. Money will be required for a programme, and refreshments if desired. If there are any issues with paying for the trip please contact me; any students in receipt of the 16-19 Bursary Fund should speak to Miss Hutchings to arrange a discount.

We will be working on this in lessons from September and «preferred» may want to read the play, and do some research, before attending the performance. The script can be accessed at <http://drama.eserver.org/plays/classical/aristophanes/lysistrata.txt> and «preferred» will also be given the EdExcel version, which is also on the VLE, so please do not purchase one unnecessarily. «preferred» should not take notes while «heshe» is watching it but may want to make a sketch of the set in the interval and jot down any thoughts. «preferred» should make comprehensive notes as soon as possible after the performance on acting, direction, set/props, music, lighting, sound, costume etc. as well as «hisher» overall response to the piece.

Please return the enclosed Medical Consent Form to me, and the payment form below to the Finance Department, by Friday 11 March.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Head Equality and Assessment

To: Finance Department, Northampton School *for Boys*

‘Lysistrata’ Theatre Trip – The Castle Theatre, Wellingborough

Student: _____ Form: _____

I give consent for my son/daughter to attend the above performance on Wednesday 23 March 2016 and enclose payment of £12 (please make cheques payable to Northampton School *for Boys*)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)