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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very excited to be able to offer students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 studying GCSE and A-Level Drama and Theatre the opportunity to visit the MAST Studios in Southampton to watch a production of ***Oh! What a Lovely War*** on **Wednesday January 31st 2024**.

Not only will watching this acclaimed piece of theatre directly support and influence our students' own practical work for their GCSE and A-Level NEA, but can also be used in their written exam for Section C. Watching live professional theatre is a requirement of all GCSE and A-Level Drama and Theatre courses, and this particular production offers our students an incredible opportunity to experience powerful and contemporary theatre that uses and staging and storytelling to transport audiences into alternative realities. More information on the show can be found [here](#).

The academy will cover the cost for the travel and theatre ticket.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

- 12.45pm:** Students to meet trip leader at start of P4 in the school reception to walk down to West Cowes Red Jet.
- 13.15pm:** Red Jet from West Cowes to Southampton.
- 13.45pm:** Arrival in Southampton; walk to MAST.
- 2.30pm:** Start of *Oh! What a Lovely War*
- 4.50pm:** Show finishes; walk back to Southampton Red Jet terminal
- 5.20pm:** Red Jet from Southampton to West Cowes (unforeseen changes to travel times will be communicated to families on the day)
- 5.50pm:** Dismissal from West Cowes Red Jet terminal – please [CLICK HERE](#) to advise if students will be awaiting pick up or can make their own way home. In case of an emergency the trip leader can be contacted on an Academy mobile phone, the number of which will be shared with you prior to the trip.

Students should be in school uniform, with comfortable footwear suitable for walking to and from school and the theatre, as well as equipped with a snack and money for programmes, if desired.

Please see [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the consent form as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the academy number 01983 203103.

Yours sincerely,
Ms E Stannard
Director of Creative