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Wednesday 23rd January, 2019

Re - 5th form English trip to see *Romeo and Juliet* on Thursday 7th February 2019

Dear parents,

Now that the mock examinations are over, our attention in the English department will soon be shifting to the preparations for this summer's examination season and the revision of our set texts. The forthcoming visit to the Theatre Royal to see the RSC production of *Romeo and Juliet* will be a valuable opportunity for us to begin that process in earnest. I write here with a few practical details and timings ahead of the trip for those parents whose sons and daughters will be attending.

We will travel from RGS to Newcastle by coach and hope to register those attending by the clock tower at 5:05pm with a view to departing no later than 5:15pm. By this time we would like students to have had their evening meal and to have changed out of their school uniform (if they wish to do so). I understand that these timings are tight and that it may not be practical for some students to return home in this time. Students are welcome to stay in school in this time and may choose to bring a packed lunch to consume at school prior to our departure if they wish. Similarly, students may prefer to walk into Ripon to get something to eat in this time. Though staff will be present in school during this time, there will be no formal supervision of students in the time between the end of the school day and the beginning of the trip.

We should arrive in Newcastle in good time to get to the theatre, find our seats and enjoy the show which commences at 7:30pm. The show is due to finish at 10:15, after which we will get students back onto the coaches, registered and back to RGS as early as we possibly can. **Obviously, due the late finishing time and the travelling involved, we do expect quite a late return and this was something that I referred to in my initial letter to parents. The coach company have suggested that we will be back shortly before midnight, but I remain hopeful that it will not be quite as late as that. We will endeavour to keep students informed of our progress so that they can keep their parents informed about our expected time of arrival back at RGS.**

I am very grateful to parents for supporting this trip and for the inconvenience and late night this involves; I am equally grateful to my colleagues in the English department for generously supporting and accompanying the trip at a very busy time of the year.

The wider teaching staff will be made aware that students will be having a late night on Thursday and that they should perhaps expect some bleary eyed 5th years on the following Friday. The school's expectation will be that students arrive in time for morning registration on that day. Thankfully the weekend will be only one day away and hopefully students, parents and teachers will be able to recharge their batteries then.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

With best wishes,

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