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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Fifth Year trip to see Romeo and Juliet in February 2019

Fifth Year students are currently studying Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* as preparation for their GCSE English Literature examinations in the summer of 2019. The school has booked tickets to see a touring production of the play by the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) which will be performed in Newcastle in early February. Though students will have watched DVDs of the play in performance in their lessons, we feel that the opportunity to see a high quality production of the play performed in full in front of a live audience will greatly enhance students' understanding and appreciation of the play, as well as providing excellent revision of the text ahead of the summer examinations.

We have provisionally booked tickets for an evening performance at Newcastle's Theatre Royal on **Thursday 7th February**. The performance will begin at 7:30pm meaning that coaches will depart from school at around 5:30pm, by which time we would like students to have had their evening meal. Our time of arrival back at RGS will be confirmed nearer the time, but I'm afraid it will be a late night for all concerned – though hopefully one that is well worth it for the students. Students will not be expected to wear school uniform for this trip, though we would ask that they dress appropriately.

Though this trip is optional, sufficient tickets have been provisionally booked for the whole of the Fifth Year to be able to attend should they wish to. The cost of the trip, which includes the cost of tickets and coach travel, will be £33 per student. In order to confirm the number of tickets required, I would be grateful if those wishing their children to attend could give their consent and make payment via Parent Pay by Monday 5th October (the first day of the second half of this term).

If you would like to discuss the financial implications of this trip, or if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>fearnleyb@ripongrammar.co.uk</u> in confidence.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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