

December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 7 Trip to see “The Boy at the Back of the Class”  
at The Malvern Theatre on Thursday 21st March 2024.**

The Expressive Arts Faculty would like to offer an exciting opportunity for your child to see “The Boy at the back of the Classroom”.

*There used to be an empty chair at the back of the class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He’s nine years old (just like me), but he’s very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn’t like sweets – not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!*

*After learning that he has fled his own war-torn country, Ahmet’s classmates have ‘The Greatest Idea in the World’ – a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his family. An unexpected and often hilarious adventure follows, all topped off with a terrific twist.*

*Told from a child’s perspective, balancing heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class highlights the power of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn’t always make sense and reminds us that everyone needs a place to call home.*

*‘A lovely, warm-hearted celebration of courage and friendship.’ The Guardian*

*‘This is a beautiful, open-hearted debut that should help children be the best they can be and realise the power of kindness.’ Book Trust*

We will leave school at 9.00am and return to Kingshill School at 3.00pm.

Please note that with any trip of this type, should any student's behaviour, work or attendance cause concern, we reserve the right to exclude them from the trip.

If you would like your child to go on this trip, please complete the slip below **and return it to the Finance Office by Friday 15th December 2023**; this is a strict deadline and cannot be extended. There is also the option to reply using the following email address [replies@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:replies@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk) giving the details of the trip plus your name and your child’s name.

A letter confirming whether your child has a place will be sent home by Friday 22nd December 2023, along with a medical consent form that will also need to be returned.

The cost of the ticket will be no more than £26.00 and, if your child secures a place, payment will need to be made **by 9.00am on Monday 8th January 2024**, using our on-line ParentmailPMX facility.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION LETTER.**

As with all our theatre trips, we do have to book and pay for the tickets in advance. The theatre sets a payment deadline and if we do not pay by this time all tickets are released. It is extremely important that all deadlines are met.

Yours sincerely,

Ms E. Stones  
Head of Expressive Arts



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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FINANCE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

I give permission for my son/daughter:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

to take part in the Year 7 Trip to see "The Boy at the Back of the Class" at The Malvern Theatre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**I agree to pay a maximum of £26.00 to the Finance Office by 9.00am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person with Parental Responsibility)

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_