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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 students,

Year 11 theatre trips to see a stage version of *Great Expectations* at the Southwark Playhouse Theatre, Elephant & Castle, London – Friday 8 November 2019, 14:30 Matinee with a post-show Q&A

As you will know, your son has been studying the novel *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. We are pleased to tell you that we have secured 100 tickets for a performance of a stage-play version by the National Youth Theatre and the award-winning director Neil Bartlett on the date shown above. This means that we are able to take most of Year 11 to see the play and to participate in the cast and director post-show discussion.

We are delighted that this trip has been made possible by a very generous donation from the William Ellis School Parents' Association (WESPA). This donation means that we can offer your son a ticket at a greatly reduced price of £5. We would also like to make it clear that we can make arrangements to waive this fee where there is a difficult financial situation at home (we want every student to have the chance to attend). Equally, if you are able to pay the whole £15 fee for your son's ticket, this would be greatly appreciated as it would help us subsidise other students' tickets and ensure that WESPA funds can be used elsewhere. Please do indicate in the tear-off slip below if your son needs a fully paid for ticket, and encourage him to come to talk to Ms Damms or Mr Difusco who will make the necessary arrangements.

We will be taking the students, along with nine accompanying members of staff, by tube from Kentish Town tube/rail station to Elephant & Castle station. Students will have the option to return to Kentish Town via the group tube ticket after the performance and Q&A, or make their own independent travel arrangements. We will presume they are travelling back via the group ticket unless you indicate otherwise on the return slip below.

We think watching this stage performance of the novel will be a very beneficial experience for your son, and will support him in his preparation for the English literature GCSE examination. We do hope that you will support us in making it possible for your son to attend.

Tickets will generally be allocated on a first come, first served basis, though we need to use our discretion in making decisions about who should be able to attend. We hope to receive your reply to this invitation and your accompanying fee (where appropriate) as soon as possible. Please note that all payments should be made through the ParentPay application for William Ellis School.

Yours faithfully,

Lorna Damms
Head of English department



'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' Trip to Southwark Playhouse Theatre, November 8 2019

Name of student: _____ English teacher: FDF/ FNE/JGL/LDM & RRA/ RYU
circle as appropriate

I give permission for my son to attend a performance of *Great Expectations* on 8/11/19

I have made a payment of £_____ through ParentPay. My son should travel back via the group ticket: YES / NO

Please tick here if a fully funded ticket is needed: Signature of parent/carer: _____

Please return completed slip to your son's English teacher or to Ms L Damms