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Our ref: DSO/HKI

Date: 30 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer of [StudentFullName]

'Bull' by Mike Bartlett at The Playhouse at Sheffield Theatres: Friday 17 January 2025

We are thrilled to be able to offer this trip to Year 11s, 12, and 13 studying Drama to see 'Bull' This will also be a fantastic opportunity for students to see professional performers role model what excellence looks like in a contemporary, small cast, intimate and hard-hitting piece of theatre. The piece is reviewed as acidly funny, sharply observational, and a disturbing exploration of cruelty in the workplace. This is essential for KS4 Y11 and KS5 learners.

"A brilliantly savage play about workplace bullying, **Mike Bartlett's** smash hit **BULL** returns to Sheffield to celebrate a decade since its Olivier-award winning transfer from Sheffield's Playhouse to London's Young Vic in 2015." ([BULL | Sheffield Theatres](#)) **Please do check the website description as the play might challenge and provoke.**

"Two jobs. Three candidates'. One member of an office team is to be made redundant. Two persistent bullies unite to make sure that their usual victim is the one to go. Bartlett unpicks how bullying works: the identification of someone unable to fight back; demeaning personal comments; ganging up; lies; manipulation; humiliation; cruelty. And, with the collusion of a callous and easily manipulated boss, the seeds of a modern tragedy." ([Theatre review: Bull at Crucible Studio](#) (britishtheatreguide.info))

Venue	The Playhouse at Sheffield Theatres Bull by Mike Bartlett performed by Mesh Theatre		
Date of trip	Friday 17 January 2025		
Departure time	Arrive at school no later than 17:15pm Leave at 17:30pm promptly.	Return time	21:30 – 21:45 (estimated)
Cost	£25.00	Deadline for payment	6 December 2024
School mobile number for use in an emergency			

Other information

This is an amazing exam linked opportunity for all examination students as they need to refer to and be informed by live theatre in all three components at both key stages.

As we return to Penistone Grammar School at a late time, Year 11 must be picked up by



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a parent/carer. However, if your child is a Sixth Form student, they may make their way home with parental/guardian permission being granted via the consent form on Parentpay.

Places are limited. If you wish to register your child's interest for the trip, please complete the following form by **Friday 8 November 2024** and pay via **ParentPay**. Please note tickets are non-refundable if a child does not attend.

Behaviour

Students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner as ambassadors of the school. Students will need to follow instructions from staff. Should the conduct of a student in the lead up to, or during the visit, be deemed either unacceptable or likely to put the health, wellbeing, safety and/or enjoyment of other students on the trip at risk, the Principal reserves the right to withdraw that student's place from the visit, or they may be returned home prior to the end of the visit. All school policies will be in place during the visit. Road safety will be taken very seriously.

Consent

Please provide consent **Via Parentpay**. On giving consent, you are agreeing to your child taking part in the above activity, ensuring they are at the departure point on time, are picked up on time afterwards, and have read the information provided agreeing to his/her participation in the activities described. You are also agreeing to your child receiving any emergency medical treatment that may be deemed necessary. If there are any exceptions to this, please provide us with the necessary information in writing. We need permission for photos for school use, medical information, care plans, and parent consent.

**Please note it is essential you provide consent via parentpay.
Students will not be able to attend the trip**

Payment

Payment will be via ParentPay.

If your child is classed at Pupil Premium or attends 'The Bridge' provision, financial support is available to you for this trip and you will get a second letter. If there are other issues please contact school to discuss how we can support.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Ms Z Rasheed
Performing Arts

Party Leader



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