



KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL
BIRMINGHAM

14th October 2016

Theatre Trip to *DNA*, London, November 25th 2016

DNA by Dennis Kelly is a set text for the current Fourth Form Drama group. You will be aware that they are performing an extract at 6pm on Tuesday 18th October – we look forward to seeing you there! They will also have to study it next year as they prepare for their written exam.

The Drama department has secured a number of tickets to see a production of *DNA* performed by the National Youth Theatre at the Ambassadors Theatre in Covent Garden. This is an invaluable opportunity for the boys, and I expect all of the boys to join us on that day for the trip.

The party will travel to London by train from University Station. We will depart from school at approximately 11am, so boys will leave after Period Two that day. Boys do not have to wear school uniform, though will obviously want to ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the conditions! We return to NEW STREET STATION, arriving at 18.30, and boys will be dismissed from there. If you are unhappy for your son to make his own way home from New Street, please contact me and we will arrange an alternative.

There should be time for students to buy lunch in town, so they should have money to do so.

The cost of the trip is £40. This includes the travel and the reduced ticket price. I recognise that this is a relatively expensive trip for one day in London – I do hope that you will see the value and importance of the boys seeing this examined piece in performance.

Methods of payment:

The trip can be paid for in the following ways:

- Log on at www.schoolgateway.com where you will be able to pay using your debit or credit card.
- Send a cheque in with your son made payable to "KES Trips". The back of the cheque should state your son's name, form and "DNA". This should be returned with a letter of consent stating
 - The name of the activity
 - Your son's name and form
 - Permission for your son to take part

If you have any problems with School Gateway please contact Mr Boardman on cb@kes.org.uk.

If you have any queries regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email to mjb@kes.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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