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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 8 - A Midsummer Night's Dream - Reading Rep Theatre – Thursday 12 May 2022
7.30 pm**

Though she be but little, she is fierce!

Reading Rep Theatre is proudly presenting Shakespeare's seminal work, oozing moxie and charm in equal measure. The English Department have been lucky enough to secure tickets for Year 8 students to watch a performance on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Fairies and creatures of the spring dance a finely tuned dalliance that all goes wrong when two couples are added to their meddling schemes. Even the innocent face temptation once the midsummer sun sets; this vivacious production explores how dangerous decisions make fools of even the wisest Queens.

For the performance on Thursday 12 May at 7.30pm, we will be asking the students who have been successful in securing a place to meet teaching staff in the carpark of the Reading Rep Theatre at 7.00pm outside the entrance to The Performing Arts building. Students will then be escorted to the auditorium for the performance. There will be some remote supervision if the students wish to purchase snacks, etc. or visit the toilets. We anticipate the performance finishing by 10.00pm but will confirm the actual timings when the theatre releases its running times. Students will need to be collected from the car park after the performance has ended.

If your son/daughter wishes to apply for a place on this trip, please complete and submit the **online expression of interest form** – which can be accessed [here](#) – by **Wednesday 6 April**. If your child is successful in securing a place, we will send a confirmation of place letter in due course to confirm payment details and all other information regarding this trip.

In order to be able to run this trip, we are asking for a contribution of £12.40 per student which is payable through ParentPay. This will cover the cost of the ticket. Owing to the limited number of places, where demand exceeds places, names will be randomly drawn from a hat. We may be able to provide financial assistance for those students who are registered for Pupil Premium. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, please indicate this on the online expression of interest form [here](#). Should the financial contribution create any problems, please contact me via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org. Please note that if there are insufficient contributions to cover the cost of this activity, there may be no alternative but to cancel.

Please note that we will only make payment possible on ParentPay, if your child successfully secures a place on this trip. Currently, you will not be able to make payment on ParentPay for this trip. After the closing date of **Wednesday 6 April** for the expression of interest, we will select students who have been successful at securing a place and will send a letter home confirming their place on this trip and provide payment details. At this point, ParentPay will be set up and you will be able to pay for this trip.

Payment should only be made if you are in agreement with the conditions set out in the Parent Agreement below.

Parent Agreement

I have read the information letter regarding the above named trip and agree to my child participating.

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring:

- That my child arrives at the venue on time and that they are picked up in person from the carpark on time.
- **Staff have up to date and accurate contact and medical details at the time of departure, and all relevant medication. Please email office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk if your child's medical information has changed.**
- My child has appropriate clothing and food for the trip. If they are planning to purchase food and drinks from the venue, I will ensure they have enough money to do this.

If your child requires any medication e.g. an inhaler, this must be brought on the trip or your child will not be allowed on the trip.

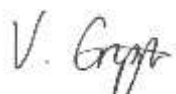
Should your child's medical circumstances change, it is your duty to inform the school in writing as soon as possible and before the day of departure.

The pupils will not be required to wear school uniform but as ambassadors for the school they will be expected to behave in an exemplary manner.

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies, or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Please address any questions regarding this trip to me through mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs V Cripps

Key Information:

Visit to:	Reading Rep Theatre
Trip leader:	Mrs V Cripps
Year group and subject:	Year 8 English
Date:	Thursday 12 May 2022
Meeting place and time:	Reading Rep Theatre (outside The Performing Arts Building)
Departure time:	7.00 pm
Anticipated return time:	10.00 pm (to be confirmed once running times are published)
Transport:	Students to make their own way to Reading Rep Theatre
Cost:	£12.40
Dress code:	Non uniform
Food and Drink:	Venue sells snacks and drinks, or students to bring their own