



Willingdon

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Drama Theatre Trip – *Dear England*

Date of Trip: Thursday 26th February 2026

Deadline for Payment: Thursday 8th January 2026

Cost: £42.80 (via ParentPay only)

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to inform you that we are arranging a trip for Year 9 students to see *Dear England* at the New Wimbledon Theatre on **Thursday 26th February**. This will be a valuable cultural experience for all students, and especially beneficial for those who are considering taking GCSE Drama, as it will give them the opportunity to see a professional production live on stage.

We will be **travelling by train from Polegate**, departing at **10:30am**. Students should arrive at school in good time so that we can walk to Polegate Station together.

We expect to return at approximately **7:00pm**, and students will need to be **picked up from Polegate Station**. If your child is allowed to walk home from the station, please inform me in advance so that we can record this appropriately.

The cost of the trip is **£42.80**, which includes both the theatre ticket and train travel. Payment should be made via **ParentPay**, and places will be allocated on a **first come, first served** basis. Students may wish to bring additional money to buy food when we arrive, or they may food for the whole trip if preferred.

Trip Details:

- **Date:** Thursday 26th February 2026
- **Departure from school:** 10:30am
- **Return:** Approximately 7pm (Students to be collected from Polegate train station)
- **Transport:** Train from Polegate to Wimbledon, followed by a short walk to the theatre

Important Information:

- Students must wear full school uniform.
- Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch and sufficient snacks for the day.
- As we will be travelling and attending a public venue, we expect the highest standards of behaviour throughout the trip. Students are representing the school and must act responsibly at all times.
- Students must be collected from **Polegate train station** upon return at approximately 7pm.

We are confident this will be an enriching and valuable experience for all students. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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