



# Chenderit School

## A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 there will be an educational visit to the Oxford Playhouse for an evening performance of the award-winning, West End touring theatre production of 'The Woman in Black'. This is a hugely popular show and has permanent residency in the West End with consistent, storming reviews. The production itself has various age recommendations: 12+ at the Fortune Theatre, London and 14+ at the Oxford Playhouse. Other theatres the production is touring to, have recommended it at 13+. I advise you to visit the website directly for further information, remembering that the theatre production is a Victorian ghost story, and not a 'horror' like the film adaptation:

<https://www.thewomaninblack.com/>

<https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/whats-on/all-shows/the-woman-in-black/12067>

*'Join the millions of theatre goers worldwide who have experienced "The most brilliantly effective spine-chiller you will ever encounter" (Daily Telegraph).*

*A lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It all begins innocently enough, but then, as they reach further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds.*

*Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story comes dramatically alive in **Stephen Mallatrat**'s ingenious stage adaptation. This gripping production, directed by **Robin Herford**, is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror.'*

It is essential that Year 11 and A-level students attend the trip, as part of their written examinations will be focused on this specific performance. Year 10 are strongly advised to attend as hugely beneficial for their studies and it will enable a direct comparison to the other production seen: 'Groan Ups'. In Year 9, attendance will depend on parents' and carers' discretion.

The cost of the theatre ticket and travel is £26.00 and payment must be received, together with the consent slip, by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Our preferred payment method is now online, via Parentpay. This can be accessed through the school website or directly at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Please contact The Finance Office if you need a Parentpay password or assistance. All trip payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can now be tracked online. (cash and cheques will also be accepted).

We will be travelling by coach and will be departing from school at 6.00pm. The performance will start at 7.30pm with running time of 2 hours, including an interval. We estimate our return time to school to be approximately 10.15pm. Due to the timing of the performance, students will be expected to eat prior to the trip, but are welcome to bring snacks which they will be able to eat at the venue. All students are expected to wear school uniform in accordance with the school's policy.

If there are any special requirements, can you please notify us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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**REPLY SLIP – THE WOMAN IN BLACK– Monday 16th March 2020**

I/we give permission for (Student's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the performance at Oxford Playhouse Theatre

Paying by Parentpay       Paying by cash/cheque

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SLIP TO MRS JACKSON-PATE BY THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

