



6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**Re: The Woman in Black, Wednesday 4th February 2026**

As part of the OCR GCSE Drama course, students sit a final exam in Year 11 which includes a section where students must write an extended answer on evaluating live theatre.

To ensure all students have the most support possible in preparing for this section of their exam, we organise as many trips to see all kinds of theatre as regularly as we can. We have been able to secure tickets to see **“The Woman In Black”** at The Chelmsford Theatre in Chelmsford. We are treating this as a **compulsory** trip for all GCSE Drama students. The play will be used in preparation for the Year 11 final exam in May and as preparation for the Year 10 Mock exam in June. There are also a very limited number of tickets available for Year 9 Drama students who are considering taking GCSE Drama in Year 10. Here's a quick bit about the play:

*“The second longest running play in West End history, [The Woman In Black](#), is coming to Chelmsford Theatre from 3-7 February 2026 as part of a new UK tour.*

***Based on the 1983 novel by Susan Hill, the production follows Arthur Kipps, 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. He engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. This gripping stage adaptation of Hill's original novel is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror. “***

The show is on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.30pm. The **total cost for each student is £37**, this includes their ticket, insurance and transport to and from the venue. If there are any issues in making payment, please email [j.glover@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:j.glover@passmoresacademy.com) to discuss financial options.

Students will meet Mrs Glover in L107 at 1pm to register, meaning Year 11's will have early lunch on this day. The coach will depart Passmores at 1.30pm, arriving at The Chelmsford Theatre at approximately 2pm. We should be back at school by 5.15pm. Please provide a note, or text message if you are happy for your child to leave school unaccompanied on our return, without this, they will need to be collected. Students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Please note, if your child wishes to purchase refreshments at the theatre, it is a card only establishment.

Yours faithfully,

*Glover.*

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