



28th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you are aware that your child has been involved in the National Theatre Connections Project this year. They have been regularly attending an after-school club, working on one of the NT Connections scripts and have already done their preview performance at Passmores last week.

The second performance of this piece will take place at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch on Wednesday 6th April. The cast will perform alongside other clubs and schools that are involved in the NT Connections Project this year and get the opportunity to experience performing in a professional theatrical venue.

Our plans for this day are as follows: We will leave Passmores around 10am and travel to The Queen's Theatre. We will spend the morning completing a technical run through to organise lights and sound for the evening performance. This will also give the cast the opportunity to adapt to performing on a larger stage and give them a feel for being in a professional theatre. Following lunch, we will be given a rehearsal space within the theatre to work in for the afternoon. There will be an opportunity for the cast to have a dinner break and then we will then return to our rehearsal space and prepare ourselves for the evening performance.

The students will need to bring a packed lunch, plenty of fluids and either some extra food for dinner or some money, as we will be able to leave the theatre for a while and get some hot food. If you are in receipt of free school meals or experiencing financial difficulty, please do get in touch to discuss the support available.

There will be one other school participating in this event and Passmores students will watch the other performances as well as performing their own work on this evening.

Instructions for cast members: Make sure you have your costume and personal props before we leave! You are responsible for these items for the day, do not lose them! You are not required to wear school uniform however please wear something appropriate to rehearse in for the day. We will watch the other performances in costume. You will be expected to return any borrowed costumes to school by Wednesday 20th April.

Doors at The Queens Theatre open at 6.25pm and the show will commence at 7pm. All audience members will watch both pieces as part of the evening's entertainment. We anticipate that we will finish at The Queen's Theatre sometime around 9.30/9.45pm.

Following the performances, the minibus will be returning to Passmores so if any parents/guardians are unable to attend or accompany their child home they can return in the minibus. Pupils will need to be collected from Passmores due to the late hour of our return.

Tickets for the event can be booked here <https://www.queens-theatre.co.uk/whats-on/show/nt-connections-festival-2022/>

Thank you for your support, we are very excited to be part of this project.

If you have any further questions or queries, I can be contacted via email: j.glover@passmoresacademy.com

Please complete the consent form attached to this letter to allow your child to attend this event.

Your Faithfully,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'J. Glover' and the second signature on the right is 'P. Tarling'.

Mrs Jade Glover & Mr Paul Tarling
Teachers of Drama