



26 October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Y12 & Y13 The Handmaid’s Tale Lecture – 21st November 2018

A trip has been organised for Year 12 & 13 English students to attend a Lecture Day on The Handmaid’s Tale on Wednesday 21st November 2018. This novel is a key component of the A Level Literature exam and students need to understand its context and different ways it has been read and interpreted. The Lecture Day is aimed at A Level students and will be hugely beneficial as it consists of four different lectures on topics such as gender issues in the novel, exploring the ending and the dystopian setting. The lectures will be taking place at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church.

The students will be travelling by train, accompanied by Mrs Barley, Mrs Layton and Mrs Jackson and should meet at Harpenden train station by 9:00am at the latest. **Students will be required to purchase their own rail ticket and will need approximately £20 for this.** We would anticipate that they will arrive back at Harpenden train station by approximately 5:00pm. All students must return on the train with the teachers at the end of the Lecture, unless written permission is given stating that your son/daughter can make their own way home, acknowledging that the school’s duty of care will formally end at the conclusion of the Lecture and you will assume full responsibility for your son/daughter at that point. Students should wear smart/casual clothes.

Places are limited on this trip and will be allocated on a first come first served basis (based on payment).

The cost of the trip is **£29.00** per student which, in accordance with the Governors’ policy on charging, must be met by voluntary contributions. Payment can either be made via ParentPay or by a cheque made payable to ‘Roundwood Park School’. In cases of financial hardship, please contact me in confidence as soon as possible, but in any event by **4th November 2018**. The school applies for financial assistance to a local charity which has very limited resources and therefore assistance can only be given if certain financial criteria can be fulfilled. Any such trip puts a great deal of added responsibility on staff and we reserve the right to refuse those pupils to participate whose behaviour gives grounds for concern.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend please make your payment by **4th November 2018** at the latest as tickets have to be paid for and they cannot be reserved. Please note that all payments are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found in the school. For a replacement to be found, cancellation must be put in writing to the Day Trip Co-ordinator at least 5 working days before the date of the trip.

The medical details used on day trips are taken from CareMonkey, our online system for capturing medical information. It is the parent’s responsibility to keep this information up to date. Please ensure any new information is included by **16th November 2018** at the latest for this trip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Reid
Day Trip Co-ordinator
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Reply slip (return to Finance Office; not required for ParentPay payments) **Y12-13 Handmaid’s Tale – 2018 JR**
I give permission for my son/daughter to attend.

Student name: _____ Form: _____

I enclose my cheque payment of **£29.00** ()

My son/daughter has the following medical condition, will/will not take his/her medication with him/her and can/cannot administer it himself/herself (if not applicable please state ‘N/A’).

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I confirm that no details have changed since the recent CareMonkey profile was completed.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

