



LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Highwayman, Bolton Octagon Theatre – Thursday 5th November 2026

We are pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in the educational visit outlined overleaf. It is a compulsory part of your child's course therefore it is essential she accompanies this visit.

As part of the written paper for GCSE drama, the students are required to analyse a live piece of theatre they have seen. This year we will be analysing 'The Highwayman' by John Godber Company. We are seeing the play on 5th November at the Octagon Theatre in Bolton. Students will travel to the theatre from school by train accompanied by staff. On the return journey, staff will escort students to Manchester Piccadilly train station and at this point they should arrange their own travel home. By consenting to the trip, parents/carers should ensure that their daughter has a planned journey home from Manchester Piccadilly at 4.45pm when the train is due to arrive. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and refreshments for the day but are reminded not to bring any products containing nuts. Please ensure students bring all required medication, especially if they carry an epi-pen or inhaler. Please be advised that this production contains strong language and depictions of violence and hanging.

In compliance with the Education Act of 1996 all curriculum-based visits necessary to complete a given course are funded on a voluntary contribution basis. No student will be excluded from the activity or treated differently because they do not make a contribution, however if voluntary contributions are not sufficient then it may be that the planned activity or trip cannot go ahead. By giving consent for your child to attend this trip we will assume that the full amount of the voluntary contribution will be made, unless we hear from you to the contrary.

We do expect high standards of behaviour from students both when they are in School and when they are taking part in trips and activities. Please be aware that if your daughter's behaviour does not meet these expectations, her place on the trip or activity may be at risk. It is important to note that if your daughter does not attend School the day after a trip returns, this could impact on her securing a place on a future trip.

Consent must be given, and payment made via the school's online payment system **Scopay**. It is imperative that consent is given by Friday 9th October. If we do not receive consent by this date your daughter will not be able to attend the trip. If you need any assistance accessing your online account, please contact our Finance department.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium the cost of the trip will be covered by this funding.

If you have any queries regarding the specific trip details, please contact me at School.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sanderson
Drama Teacher and Trip Leader

Be such as you appear and appear such as you are – Mary Ward

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Trip Details

Visit Name and Location

The Highwayman, Octagon Theatre Bolton

Date and Time

*Thursday 5th November 2026
12pm – 5pm*

Trip leader

Mrs Sanderson

Mode of transport

Train

Cost of Trip

£25

To be received by Friday 9th October 2026

*[This trip will take place in accordance with Department for Education guidelines.
Should the trip be cancelled a small deduction will be made from any refunded monies to cover administration charges]*