



17th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

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 Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime"** at The Milton Keynes Theatre in Milton Keynes. 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. Here's a quick bit about the play:

"My name is Christopher John Francis Boone. I know all the countries of the world and the capital cities. And every prime number up to 7507."

The seven-time Olivier and five-time Tony-winning, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* returns to tour the country, introducing new audiences to its breathtaking stagecraft and storytelling. Wowing audiences since opening 2013, the hit play is based on the award-winning book by Mark Haddon, telling the story of a neurodiverse 15-year-old maths genius, and the amazing journey he sets out on in order to solve the mysterious death of his neighbour's dog.

This cleverly staged production has been hailed for its beautiful portrayal of life lived by children like Christopher and their unique perspective on the world. It will make you think, laugh and, most of all, look at the world around you in a whole new way.



The show is on **Thursday 8th October**. The **total cost for each student is £35**, 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 to discuss financial options.

Please note the deadline to apply is Friday 2nd October.

Students will meet Mrs Glover in the Heartspace at 5.30pm. The coach will depart Passmores at 5.45pm, arriving at The Milton Keynes Theatre at approximately 7pm. We should be back at school by 11pm. Due to the late time of arrival, please ensure there is somebody available to collect your child at the school.

Please note, students do not need to wear school uniform but should be wearing appropriate clothing for the theatre. Students will be able to purchase drinks and snacks in the interval.

Yours faithfully,

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