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Year 11 GCSE Drama Controlled Assessments & Theatre Trip

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unit 2 Controlled Assessment 2014-2015

Last term, the GCSE Drama students were required to complete two written controlled assessments for Unit 2 of the course. The first controlled assessment was a written response to the practical exploration we did in class on *Ernest and the Pale Moon* by Oliver Lansley and the second controlled assessment was a written response to seeing a live theatrical performance of *Mermaid* by Polly Teale for Shared Experience. Unit 2 is worth 30% of the GCSE Drama course.

Some students did not attend all of the after school controlled assessment sessions last term and not all of them worked to the very best of their ability. The students have now been informed of their marks and to ensure they achieve their full potential, we are offering the following catch-up sessions to allow them a final opportunity to improve their coursework grades.

Tuesday 15th September 3.35pm - 6.00pm *Ernest and the Pale Moon*
Tuesday 22nd September 3.35pm - 6.00pm *Mermaid*

This is the last opportunity the students will have to improve their Unit 2 controlled assessment marks. They have been given all the resources they need, so their task now is to improve their notes for homework and bring them along to the controlled assessment sessions. Please complete the attached consent form to give permission for your child to attend these sessions and return it to Mr Newman by **Monday 14th September**.

Unit 1 Controlled Assessment 2015-2016

This year, the Unit 1 Controlled Assessments will take place during the school day. The students will be taken off timetable to undertake six-hours of practical exploration and an hour of note-taking. Four hours will be provided during lesson time for the students to complete the 2000-word documentary response. Unit 1 is worth 30% of the GCSE Drama course. It is important that every student attends all of the following Controlled Assessment sessions:

Friday 2nd October periods 1-6	3 hours practical exploration & ½ hour note-taking
Monday 5th October periods 1-6	3 hours practical exploration & ½ hour note-taking
Friday 9th October periods 1-2	1 hour written Controlled Assessment
Monday 12th October periods 3-4	1 hour written Controlled Assessment
Friday 16th October periods 1-2	1 hour written Controlled Assessment
Monday 19th October periods 3-4	1 hour written Controlled Assessment

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Theatre Trip

We are taking all GCSE Drama students to see a performance of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* at the Gielgud Theatre, London on **19th November**. This is an adaptation of Mark Haddon's novel by the National Theatre and has been choreographed by the physical theatre company Frantic Assembly. Further information can be found at <http://www.curiousonstage.com/>

This is a stunning production in terms of acting, ensemble movement, set, sound and lighting design and students who have seen it before have enjoyed great success in both written and practical units of the GCSE course.

Students who did not see the production of *Mermaid* last year must attend this trip so they can complete the Unit 2 Controlled Assessment.

We will leave school at 11.00am on Thursday 19th November to see *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and return at approximately 8.00pm. The cost of this trip (comprising tickets and transport) is £34.00.

Please complete the attached consent form to give permission for your son or daughter to attend the scheduled theatre trip and return it to the school Finance Office by **Friday 6th November**.

If you would like to apply for financial support please contact the school Finance Office at finance@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk or call on 01285 712302. Payments can be made over the phone, in cash or by cheque at the Finance Office. Please make cheques payable to Farmor's School and write the name of the student and the trip code TN000032/53 on the back of the cheque.

If you have any further enquiries about GCSE Drama Controlled Assessments or the theatre trip please contact Mr Newman at newman@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at Parent Evening and the Unit 3 practical performance later this year.

Kind regards,

Mr T. Newman
Head of Drama

Unit 2 Controlled Assessment Catch-Up Sessions - Consent Form

Dear Mr Newman,

I received your letter of 6th September and give consent for my son/daughter _____(name of student) to attend the Unit 2 Controlled Assessment catch-up sessions at the following times: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

Tuesday 15th September 3.35pm - 6.00pm *Ernest and the Pale Moon*

Tuesday 22nd September 3.35pm - 6.00pm *Mermaid*

_____ (signature of parent) _____ (date)

Please return to school Finance Office by Monday 14th September



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time – Consent Form

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Dear Mr Newman,

I received your letter of 6th September and do / do not give consent for my son/daughter _____(name of student) to attend the trip to see *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* at the Gielgud Theatre on **19th November.**

_____ (name of parent) _____ (emergency contact number)

Please return to school Finance Office by 6th November.