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To the parents/guardians of pupils in Year 7

Dear Parent/Guardian

Theatre Trip to see Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester on Tuesday 9th March 2010

We shall take a party from Year 10 to see a matinee performance of the Mercury Theatre's *Romeo and Juliet* in Colchester on **Tuesday 9th March 2010**.

We are very fortunate to secure tickets for the exciting and very popular Anglo-Argentine joint production of the play Year 7 is reading in the context of work on *King of Shadows* and the Globe Theatre; it is clearly highly desirable that all pupils take this opportunity to see in performance the text they have been studying in class. Experiencing live performance is a vital part of studying English at every level, and in this case we have a rare chance to enjoy a ground-breaking production which fuses modern tango music played live on stage with Shakespeare's eternal tale of passion, danger and sacrifice. Kenneth Branagh has called this production "startlingly original."

We will walk to the theatre, leaving school directly after Registration at 1.35pm. No running time is available yet, but it is likely that the show will finish after normal school hours, and so pupils must make other arrangements to get home if they cannot take their usual buses. They can leave from the theatre, or may walk back to school accompanied by staff if being picked up there. Dress will be normal school uniform. It will be possible to buy a programme and refreshments at the theatre and a small amount of money may be brought, but there must be no eating, drinking or talking during the performance.

The cost of the ticket will be **£7.00**, payable as a voluntary contribution. Whilst there is no obligation to attend or to pay, the trip is unlikely to go ahead if all costs cannot be met by parental contributions.

If you would like your son to attend, please complete the accompanying consent form and return it in the envelope provided with a cheque for £7.00 made payable to CRGS. The envelope should be marked 'Romeo and Juliet Trip' and be posted in the box by Reception **no later than Friday 12th February 2010**. There is room for every Year 7 pupil to attend.

We look forward to seeing the boys on Tuesday 9th March 2010 for a superb visit to the theatre. If you have any questions about the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Simon Dowling
Head of English and Drama

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Student's
Name:

Tutor
Group:

1. I would like my son to take part in this trip.

2. I enclose £7 cheque (payable to Colchester Royal Grammar School).

3. I authorise members of staff during the course of the trip to approve any medical treatment for my child considered necessary in an emergency on the advice of a qualified medical practitioner. I set out below details of any medical condition from which he is suffering, together with the treatment required in case of illness.

Signed: Date:

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Telephone number (in case of emergency):

**PLEASE RETURN TO RECEPTION BY
FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2010**