



3rd December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

A Christmas Carol at The Bolton Octagon – Wednesday 17th December

We are delighted to invite your child, as part of their Year 10 English Literature studies, to attend a live performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Bolton Octagon Theatre.

Experiencing the text in performance will significantly deepen students' understanding of Dickens' characters, themes and Victorian context, and will support their preparation for the GCSE exam.

The trip details are as follows:

Date of Trip: 17th December

Departure Time: 12.30pm

Performance Time: 2.15pm

Means of Transport: Minibus

Arrival Time Home: Approximately 6pm. You are responsible for making safe arrangements with your child to travel home once we arrive back at school.

Cost of Trip: This trip is partially funded by Stockport Academy, a **£10 contribution** to the ticket price is required to confirm your child's place on the trip.

Consent to attend

Consent for your child to attend must be given under the trips section of the Arbor app and payment must be paid via ParentPay before the deadline above in order to confirm their place.

Tickets will be allocated on a **first come, first served basis**. The trip form, on Arbor, will open at the end of the school day on **Thursday 4th December** (4pm) and close on **Monday 8th December**.

Clothing

As students will be leaving in the middle of the school day, they will be required to be in their school uniform.

Food

Refreshments will be available at the Theatre



Medical/Dietary Needs

We will use the information previously provided on the school's Arbor system in relation to medical conditions or dietary requirements so please check the Arbor app to ensure that these are up to date, along with any contact telephone numbers in case we should need to contact you during the trip.

Students requiring an inhaler or emergency rescue medication such as EpiPens should ensure that they bring their own medication and carry it with them at all times.

No other medication can be carried by students. If any medication is likely to be needed during the trip, this should be handed to the trip leader, in the original, named box with a completed medical consent form which can be collected from reception or Mr Farquhar should you need one.

Other information

On arrival at the park, students must stay in groups of no fewer than 3-4 people and will be provided with the school emergency number should they need emergency assistance.

We hope that your child will embrace the opportunity to join us on this trip. Should you have any queries, please contact the trip leader by email: **nicola.thornberry-french@stockport-academy.org**

Kind Regards,

Ms N Thornberry-French

Head of English