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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Theatre Studies and Performing Arts Trip : Wednesday, 7 February

An important part of the A Level Theatre Studies courses is to see a live theatrical performance. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that I have reserved tickets for *Things I Know to be True* at the Bristol Old Vic on Wednesday, 7 February: "*As beautifully touching as it is funny and bold, 'Things I Know To Be True' tells the story of a family and marriage through the eyes of four grown siblings struggling to define themselves beyond their parents' love and expectations.*

Co-directed by Frantic Assembly's Tony and Olivier Award nominated Artistic Director Scott Graham and State Theatre Company's Artistic Director Geordie Brookman, Things I Know To Be True, featuring Frantic Assembly's celebrated physicality, is a complex and intense study of the mechanics of a family that is both poetic and brutally frank.

Parents Bob and Fran have worked their fingers to the bone and with their four children grown and ready to fly the nest it might be time to relax and enjoy the roses. But the changing seasons bring home some shattering truths".

"A thing of beauty. Exquisitely observed. An absolute gem" Daily Telegraph, "An intricate, inventive study of family life. Genuinely beautiful", Evening Standard, "Genuinely haunting and fervently recommended", Independent.

The cost of this theatre trip £17 per student. In order to keep costs to a minimum, we are asking that students make their own transport arrangements to and from the Bristol Old Vic. The show starts at 7.30 pm, but the students will need to arrive by 7.00 pm to collect their tickets.

Please visit www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, as soon as possible to give your consent, provide an emergency contact number and make payment. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941. In cases of financial assistance, please contact Mrs Gumm, the Business Support Manager, who will be able to provide information regarding the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parents/carers receive Child Tax Credit.

Yours sincerely

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