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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Farmor's School

I am writing to gauge interest in a potential trip for Year 7 students in October of this year to Stratford-Upon-Avon.

This trip coincides with their English unit, 'An introduction to Shakespeare' and as such, allows students to visit **Shakespeare's birthplace** to partake in an, '*illustrated, interactive Brush Up Your Shakespeare talk*' in which students will:

- Discover facts about Shakespeare's life and times
- > Discuss the nature of play-going in Shakespeare's London
- > Learn about plays in the First Folio
- See images of Shakespeare's plays in performance
- > Consider Shakespeare's place in the world's cultural heritage
- > Compete in a Shakespearian quiz

In addition to this, we have also been granted the opportunity to visit **Shakespeare's school**, The King's New School, where students will:

- > Experience Tudor school life with William Shakespeare's teacher, Master Thomas Jenkins
- Listen to our knowledgeable and passionate guides sharing the many stories about the building and the Shakespeare family
- > Marvel at our 600-year old medieval wall paintings
- > Dress up and pose in authentic Tudor clothes
- > Learn to write with quill and ink

For more information, please see the following websites:

- shakespearesschoolroom.org/schools
- https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/visit/shakespeares-birthplace/

The cost of the trip is estimated to be approximately **£23.50** and will include transport to Stratford and back to Farmor's at the end of the day at about **<u>17:00</u>** when students will need to be collected.

Due to the size of the venues being visited, we can only offer this trip to the first 70 students who pay the £15 deposit on ParentPay no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The trip will operate on a first-come-first-served basis and any deposits paid after that number will be automatically refunded.

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch by emailing me at <a href="mailto:rbruce@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk">rbruce@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</a>.

I look forward to welcoming your children in September.

Kind regards, **R. Bruce** [Teacher of English]

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