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Dear Parent/Carer

**Production of 'War of the Worlds' at Lowry Theatre - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

As a department we have arranged tickets for a matinee performance of an adaptation of H G Wells' classic science fiction novel, "War of the Worlds." This novel will be studied in the Winter term and this is a great opportunity to revisit the text and the themes raised. The matinee performance begins at 2.30 pm and we have arranged for a coach to take us there and back. The production is 2 hours in length with no interval, so the return time would be after school hours, approximately 5pm.

**About the Production**

"Life is real again, and the useless and cumbersome and mischievous have to die." -- H.G. Wells, *The War of the Worlds*

Four performers enter the stage with cameras and construct an epic road movie before our eyes.

It's a story we know or think we know - an apocalyptic tale of alien invasion and the unfolding destruction of everything we hold dear. Extraterrestrial lifeforms land from the skies. Lines of Brits scramble to flee across the channel while their cities and towns lie in smouldering ruins. It's all of our worst nightmares.

Using miniature environments, model worlds, camera tricks, and projection, imitating the dog mix the live and the recorded, the animate and the inanimate to create a thrilling, audacious and timely retelling of H.G. Wells's classic novel.

**Content warning:** Flashing imagery and lighting effects, Loud noises on occasion, including sudden bangs and gunshots, Smoke effects, Scenes featuring moments, descriptions and images of violence, Strong language, Themes of racism and anti-immigration.

**Cost**

As a school booking, we have been able to secure the tickets at a discounted price. The total price includes the ticket plus transport costs and comes to £29.00. We have secured 46 tickets which will be assigned using our Random Allocation system.

We wish to make it clear that if the visit takes place, no student will be denied participation on the grounds that no contribution has been made on their behalf. However, please be aware, if insufficient contributions are made, we will be unable to proceed with the trip. Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website [here](#).

### **Application process**

Please discuss this with your child and if you wish them to take part in this trip, please can you click on this link [Expression of Interest Form](#) and complete the online form. Once the deadline has passed all applications will be entered into our Random Allocation Algorithm and places will be assigned. We will then contact you with further instructions to request your online consent form and the payment via ParentPay.

**Deadline for your Expression of Interest form is by 9am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at the latest.**

### **Additional information**

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical, passports, EHIC/GHIC requirements and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

*Mrs Claire Mahony*  
English Department