

22nd November 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

BFI Lecture on Media Studies Critical Theory at KS5

The Media Studies Department are excited to offer our Year 12 and 13 students the unique opportunity to attend a lecture on KS5 Media Studies theories at the British Film Institute. The lecture will expand students' understanding of critical perspectives and the effect of media texts on audiences. Activities will supply students with a range of resources and examples for use in their exam preparation and also explain how theories can provide an insight into how many contemporary issues are portrayed in the media, and how these can divide audiences.

The visit will take place on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at the BFI Southbank in London. The conference will be attended between 10:30am and 3:00pm. This will require students to meet at Rayleigh train station at 8:00 to depart at approximately 8:15am. The cost of this trip excludes the cost of travel, therefore students will be required to purchase their train tickets, preferably in advance, or on the day of the trip. Student, whilst representing the school, will be required to wear winter appropriate attire. After the lecture, as an additional award for their strong efforts in the A Level, students will be given the opportunity to explore the South Bank Christmas Markets.

If your child is interested in being considered for this theatre trip then please complete the Consent Form attached and return this to Pupil Services, along with the payment, no later than Friday 1st December 2023.

The details of the trip are as follows:

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| Date: | Tuesday 12 th December 2023 |
| Venue: | BFI Southbank, London |
| Time of Departure: | 8:15am |
| Time of Return: | 6.00pm (approximately) |
| Dress: | Professional winter attire |
| Mode of Transport: | Greater Anglia train and London Underground |
| Cost: | £26.00 |

This trip will be covered by school insurance and accompanied by members of staff. Therefore, we will be unable to offer a refund unless there are exceptional circumstances in the event of your child being unable to attend the trip.

Scopay is now the preferred method of payment for all trips, visits and school activities. If you visit www.scopay.com you will see payment details. If you have mislaid your Scopay login details please call Pupil Services. Should you still wish to pay by cash or cheque (cheques should be made payable to *Rayleigh Schools Trust*) and handed into Pupil Services. If you have any Scopay queries regarding this trip, please contact Mrs A Twomey (atwomey@sweynepark.com). Consent forms to be handed into Pupil Services once payment has been made.

Any students who require medication must ensure that they bring this with them.

If there are any financial difficulties, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Dines, in the strictest confidence. If you have any queries concerning the trip, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Waghorn
Teacher of Media Studies and English