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Dear Parents/ Guardians

As part of the GCSE Drama course, students are required to go and see live theatre, which they will then review and analyse in their written exam at the end of the course. To help students prepare the skills for this part of the exam, I would like to take them to the Oxford Playhouse on **Thursday 15 June**, to see the matinee performance of 'Golem'. I have included information about the play from the website below:

'Sleep the dreamless sleep of clay... I am Golem; I obey.'

Like a giant graphic novel burst into life, **1927** invites you to take a step through the looking glass into a dark and fantastical tale of an extraordinary, ordinary man.

Robert's life is full of dead-end jobs, unrequited love and bedroom-rehearsals for his revolutionary punk band. But when he buys Golem, things change... Golem helps him pick out better clothes, further his career and win the girl of his dreams. Suddenly, everyone wants one. Wouldn't you? After all, don't you deserve the best?

Blending **1927**'s handmade animation, claymation, live music and performance, 'Golem' took audiences and critics by storm when it premiered in 2014 with rave 5-star reviews. It is a dystopian fable for the 21st century, cleverly and satirically exploring one of the great questions of the modern world – who or what is in control of our technologies?

The price of this trip is **£12.00**, which includes the entry ticket and a coach from Chiltern Edge to the theatre and back. Please log into www.schoolgateway.com, to give consent and pay by **Wednesday 10 May. We cannot accept cash or cheques.** Please also complete both sides of the attached medical form and return it to **Pupil Services by Wednesday 12 May.** Your child will not be allowed to participate if we do not have this completed form returned.

If you are in receipt of Income Support, or the cost of this trip might cause financial hardship, please contact our Business Manager at cventress@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk, as soon as possible, as late requests may not be accommodated and assistance cannot be arranged retrospectively.

The play starts at 2:30pm, so we will leaving at the end of lunch; this means that students will miss their last lesson. Students will return to Chiltern Edge around 4:45pm. Your child will be expected to wear full school uniform.



Please note: should we have any concerns about your child's safety or behaviour on the trip, we reserve the right to withdraw their place, up until the time of departure. If this occurs, any refund will be at the school's discretion and will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Should you have any queries about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at tharte@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

Tom Harte
Head of Performing Arts

