



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

February 2024

Paston Theatre Trip- production of Mother Courage 6th March

We have a busy and exciting March this year. As well as the two planned theatre trips (Blood Brothers and Wyrld Sisters), Paston College have invited our GCSE Drama students to see their performance of Mother Courage by Bertolt Brecht. Brecht is a practitioner that the GCSE Drama students have studied and are interested in. Tickets are only £2 and can be paid on the door. The performance starts at 3.50pm on Wednesday 6th March 2024. Students are required to arrange their own transport to and from the Griffon theatre at Paston College. The Theatre can be accessed from the front by car (drop off point) or Lidl's carpark is only a short walk from the entrance. I will be in the Theatre Foyer to meet our students and I will wait with them at the end until they are collected. The performance finishes at 5.30pm.

This is a brief synopsis of the play:

Mother Courage and Her Children explores the horror and futility of war by following Mother Courage on a 12-year odyssey around Europe during the famously brutal Thirty Years' War of 1618–1648. Stoic, savvy, and enterprising, Mother Courage hopes to make a fortune by following the Swedish army in her wagon, selling food, liquor, and supplies. But her quest fails, and her three children (Eilif, Katrin, and Swiss Cheese) all get caught up in the war and die violent, early deaths. Like much of Bertolt Brecht's work, this play is experimental and provocative, intended less to entertain audiences than to shape their political consciousness. It is full of songs but not a musical, packed with metaphors but not an allegory, and set in the distant past but intended specifically as a warning to Germany and the world on the eve of World War II.

<https://www.paston.ac.uk/assets/page-downloads/Paston-Campus-Map-July-2021.pdf>

We visited Paston Theatre last year and the Drama Students got a lot from it.

If you would like you child to attend this opportunity, please complete the form on our school website [Paston Theatre Trip 6/3/24 - Aylsham High School](#)

Yours Sincerely,

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