28 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Documentary Film – Critical Debates and Theories: An A Level Study Day March 15 2019 British Film Institute

Students are being offered the opportunity to extend their knowledge for their A Level exam in 2019.

Documentary film-making is at the forefront of experiments in film style, becoming an increasingly hybrid form in its exploration of the relationship between factual and fiction forms, realism and representation. This day will provide the opportunity to analyse the characteristics of different modes of documentary filmmaking, with a focus on the filmmaker’s role in the shaping of reality. In addition, the conceptual approaches to documentary developed by practitioners will be examined. The day will feature a range of examples of specification relevant documentaries including Amy (2015). In the afternoon session, there will be a film screening and a Q&A with an industry professional giving students and teachers a chance to ask questions about the industry. A resource pack for teachers and students is also included on the day.

Students will meet at Watford Junction at 8.55am to travel with the trip leader, Ms C Bourne/or Mr S Walsh. Students will travel to Euston by express train (9.05am), and from Euston to Waterloo by underground. Students will walk from Waterloo to the BFI Southbank complex, a walk of approximately 5- 8minutes. At the conclusion of the day, the journey will be reversed and the students should return to Watford Junction on or about 5pm. Students are travelling outside of rush hour. Students will travel home by themselves from Watford Junction. Students will be responsible for their own travel costs and we suggest they have, and use an Oyster card which has sufficient funds for the trip loaded prior to arrival. Students should either bring their own lunch, or a small amount of money to purchase lunch from the BFI food outlets.

The cost for the event is £20 per students.

All 12 Film Studies students have been consulted and indicated that they wish to participate. Please return the permission form by February 1 and make payment by Friday 7.

Yours sincerely

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Form & Teaching Group ………………………………………………………..  

☐ Having read and understood the details of the visit as set out in the letter of 28 January 2019, I wish my son/daughter …………………………………………………………… (Name in block capitals) to participate in the trip to ‘No Place Like Hope’.  

☐ I acknowledge the need for my son/daughter to behave responsibly and agree to the School’s procedures in this respect. Although the staff of the School escorting the party will exercise due care and attention, I understand they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury, which may befall my child named above during or as a consequence of the journey and visit. I understand that upon return to School my child will no longer be under the authority of the School and my child is aware of the arrangements for getting home. 

☐ I understand that the School reserves the right to remove any student whose behaviour at School does not meet the standards required of all our students. In such cases any deposits paid will be non-refundable, and the full cost of the trip may be payable if a replacement cannot be found. 

☐ I understand that I must notify the School office of any change in the medical condition of my son/daughter, and of any change to the Emergency contact numbers provided below. 

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Please tick against method of payment below:  

Online payment: I am registered for the School internet payment facility and would like to make online payments. Please check back daily should the system not yet show this item. ☐ 

Cheque payment: please make cheques payable to Rickmansworth School and hand in at the Bursar’s Office ☐ 

Cash payment: please hand in with this slip at the Bursars’ Office ☐ 

My email address is………………………………………………………………………………………………………… 

Signed (Parent/Carer)………………………………………… 

If the payment is in cash and over £20 a receipt MUST be obtained from the Bursars Office. Cheque and cash payments MUST be placed in an envelope clearly labelled with the Student’s name and the payment reference. Thank you.