9th November 2010

Dear Parents,

The Classics and Drama departments are planning to attend a performance of Euripides' *Bacchae* at the Manchester Royal Exchange on **Wednesday 1st December 2010**. This is an afternoon matinee performance and as such girls will only be out of school in the afternoon. The *Bacchae* is a set text for those pupils studying Classical Civilisation at AS and A Levels and will serve as an excellent platform of knowledge and comparison for pupils studying Theatre Studies.

Pupils will eat lunch in school as usual and then board a coach outside school travel to the theatre. They shall then return to school by coach at the end of the performance. Cost of this trip (including coach travel and theatre ticket) shall be £27.

Synopsis of the *Bacchae*: The god Dionysus has arrived in Greece determined to establish his divinity and exact revenge on his close family members who contributed to the death of his mother, Semele; Pentheus is a young king trying to establish himself as a wise and successful ruler. Euripides shows us what happens when mortals challenge a god's authority, when women become seduced by exotic foreigners, when civilisation and nature collide. With the threat of revolution in the air the audience will experience sexual tension, political instability and personal devastation ending in death and a cursed family.

Places on this trip are limited and any reply slips received after the deadline may not be allocated a ticket.

You should be aware that girls will be expected to wear school uniform.

Yours Sincerely,

D Lamb
Head of Classics

Reply Slip **Please return to Mr Lamb with full payment**

Manchester Bacchae trip **Wednesday 1st December**

Student's name:_____ **Form:** _____

I would like my daughter/ward to participate in this Classics and Drama trip and enclose full payment of £27 (cheques payable to MTGS).

Signed: _____ **(parent/guardian)**