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Our Ref: 060410 – Yrs 12/13 Derren Brown Trip, Sunderland Empire



RICHMOND SCHOOL & Sixth Form College

October 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

We wish to inform you of the forthcoming excursion to watch Derren Brown at the Sunderland Empire for A-level Psychology students. Derren Brown is well known for his television series which is shown on channel 4 and according to recent reviews, *“Apart from being the best thing to happen on television in years, his pioneering blend of psychology, illusion and showmanship makes for a stunning theatrical evening in the hands of a master performer.”* With this in mind, the trip is designed to expand the student’s knowledge of psychology allowing them to explore interests outside of the curriculum as well as providing them with a great deal of fun and entertainment. Last year’s trip to see this show was a huge success. Students left feeling impressed and baffled by what they had witnessed and were eager to discuss the techniques that they felt had been used.

The trip will take place on Tuesday 6 April 2010 and commences at 7.30pm. Students will be picked up from Middle School bus park at 5.30pm and returned to the school at around 12am. We have been able to secure 30 tickets to the event which will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis. Including tickets and transportation the cost of the trip will be £37 per student.

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988 the school is not allowed to make a charge for this activity, but we are permitted to ask for voluntary contributions. I am sure you will understand that we cannot afford to pay for it from the funds available to us, so may I ask you, therefore, if you would be willing to make a voluntary contribution of £37 towards the cost of the activity. No student will be excluded if his or her parent does not wish to make this contribution. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received, then regrettably, the activity will not be able to go ahead.

It is important that staff responsible for your son/daughter are fully aware of all medical details in order to carry out their responsibility. If there have been any changes in your son’s/daughter’s medical information, please send a letter to his/her tutor nearer to the date of the activity so that our information can be brought up to date.

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If you would like to book a place for your son/daughter, please forward a cheque for £37, payable to Richmond School, with the consent form. Please be advised that the date of this trip falls in the Easter holidays and that the show will be the same as the show the department went to see last year, although students who have been previously are welcome to go again. The trip we ran last year sold out extremely quickly, so book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Yours sincerely

Mr Alistair Hannah
Psychology Department

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I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the above event and enclose payment of £37 (cheques made payable to Richmond School).

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Date:
(Parent/Guardian)

Please return to Mr Hannah as soon as possible.

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