

Dear Parent/Carer,

The English Department is pleased to be able to offer a session with *Top Box Productions* who will attend the school and perform their interpretation of John Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men' on Alternative Curriculum Day on Thursday October 22nd 2015.

Students are studying this novella as part of their study of English at GCSE level, completing an Extended Reading Controlled Assessment on 'Of Mice and Men' as part of the GCSE English Language qualification. It also features on the GCSE English Literature exam, with students being asked to answer an examination question on a modern text. As the text holds such significance within the English curriculum, we are pleased to offer all Year 11 students the opportunity to view this performance; an opportunity which will be extremely beneficial and aid students in their understanding of the text.

In addition, *TopBox Productions* will be presenting an interactive drama workshop on the poetry from the GCSE Anthology. Again, this is specifically designed to support students' understanding of these poems and will bring them to life in new and interesting ways. These poems feature on the GCSE English Literature exam and will be tested in the Year 11 mock exams.

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1996 the school cannot make a direct charge for the trip. We are however permitted to ask for voluntary contributions towards the production. Please note we are unable to subsidise this production from other school funds. We reserve the right to cancel the production if insufficient funds are available. If your child is eligible for Learner Support Fund, simply return the reply slip below indicating this is the case.

All students have access to our extra-curricular activities and reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure each student's full inclusion in this production. Please contact Mr Bodey, Deputy Headteacher, if you think that this may be needed for your child.

If you would like your child to attend the performance, please complete and return the attached consent form no later than Monday 12th October 2015, together with a voluntary donation of £5.50 (please make cheques payable to **Fulford School Fund**)

Yours sincerely,



Miss N Pugh
Key Stage Four Leader of English

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YEAR 11 'OF MICE AND MEN' PERFORMANCE

I do / do not* give permission for _____ of form _____ to attend the performance of John Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men', on the afternoon of Thursday 22nd October 2015.

I enclose a £5.50 donation (cheques payable to **Fulford School Fund**).

Signed parent/carers _____ Date: _____

*delete as appropriate