

The Gilberd School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde – Palace Theatre Southend-on-Sea, 25th February 2026

The English Department are delighted to offer 40 Year 11 students a fantastic opportunity to see an acclaimed production of 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' at Palace Theatre Southend-on-Sea on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

"The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde" is a Literature text that our Year 11 students' study and seeing a production provides a great opportunity to appreciate the play as it was intended to be enjoyed, on the stage. The Palace Theatre provides the following description of the production:

Dickens Theatre Company's acclaimed stage adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's Gothic thriller returns to Southend in February 2026. London, 1888. A thick Fitzrovia fog cloaks the city. In the shadows, a sinister figure stalks the streets. A young child is brutally attacked. Who is this "sneering Satan" and will he strike again? A cast of just six actors brings Stevenson's chilling tale to life in a fast-paced, theatrical production that captures the dark heart of Victorian London. Tailored to support GCSE study, the production highlights key characters, quotes, and themes, making it ideal for students and compelling for literature fans alike.

Age Recommendation: 11+

Warnings: Choreographed fights, flashing lights (not strobes), use of stage blood, haze and loud noises.

Students will depart from the Gilberd School on Wednesday, 25th February at 5.30pm and return to school at approximately 10.15pm. Students will need to be at school at **5.15pm** ready for a prompt departure. Students will need to be collected from The Gilberd School upon our return - they **will not** be permitted to walk home on their own.

The cost of this trip will be £35 which covers the cost of tickets to the event and coach travel to and from The Palace Theatre.

Students are not required to wear uniform on the evening, but please encourage students to dress appropriately for a theatre trip. There will be an opportunity for students to purchase refreshments at the venue should they wish to do so.

May we remind you that The Gilberd Code of Conduct applies to students on educational trips as well as in school, and that high standards of behaviour will be expected by all those who attend this trip.

We anticipate demand for the 40 spaces will be high. If oversubscribed, we will allocate available places on a lottery basis, and you will be notified whether your child has been successful in securing a place.

Please complete a consent form to apply for a place on this trip by clicking on the following link. We require consent by no later than **Thursday 11th December 2025**.

[Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde Consent Form](#)

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Once we have confirmed your child's place, the trip will be activated on ParentPay and payment should be made by **Friday 19th December 2025**. Please contact the Finance department if you would like to discuss alternative payment options.

Please email rmi@gilberd.com should you have any questions regarding this trip.

Yours faithfully

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