

The Gilbert School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: **Romeo and Juliet** – Westcliff Theatre Clacton-on-Sea, 5th February 2026

The English Department are delighted to offer 40 Year 7 students a fantastic opportunity to see an acclaimed production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at **Westcliff Theatre Clacton-on-Sea on Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7.00pm.**

"Romeo and Juliet" is a literature text that all year 7 students study and seeing a production provides a great opportunity to appreciate the play as it was intended to be enjoyed, on the stage.

Westcliff Theatre provides the following description of the production:

A full-scale production set in a world of rivalry, rebellion, and forbidden love. In the heat of Verona, two young lovers are torn between loyalty and desire, family and fate. As the deadly feud between the Montagues and Capulets rages on, Romeo and Juliet risk everything for a love that defies their world. But as passions ignite and tempers explode, their story hurtles toward its tragic and unforgettable end. Experience Shakespeare's greatest love story in all its breathtaking intensity, with fierce sword fights, searing emotion, and a romance that burns against the odds.

Age Recommendation: 11+

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

Students will depart from the Gilbert School on Thursday, 5th February at 5.45pm and return to school at approximately 10.30pm. Students will need to be at school at **5.30pm** ready for a prompt departure. Students will need to be collected from The Gilbert School upon our return - they **will not** be permitted to walk home on their own.

The cost of this trip will be £27.50 which covers the cost of tickets to the event and coach travel to and from The Westcliff 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 Gilbert 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 4th December 2025.**

[Romeo and Juliet 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 12th December 2025**. Please contact the Finance department if you would like to discuss alternative payment options.

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

Yours faithfully

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