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## Dear Year 8 Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Yesterday afternoon 230 of our Year 8 students visited the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury to watch a performance of Animal Farm. I have lost count of the students who have come to tell me how much they enjoyed the play and to ask when they'll be able to go again. TSS staff, Marlowe Theatre staff and even members of the public have commented on how well our students behaved. Each and every one of them did us, them and you proud. The English department is already looking forward to planning the next theatre trip.

Sadly, whilst students and staff waited for the coach to arrive to take them back to school, two members of the public decided to be verbally aggressive towards some of our students and staff. There was no provocation for this at all. Yet again, our staff and students conducted themselves in an impeccable manner. For additional support, the police were called and supported our staff in defusing the situation. I want to reassure all parents and carers that no one was hurt during this unpleasant incident. Thankfully, most students didn't even realise anything had happened.

Educational trips and visits are a key part of our dynamic curriculum here at TSS and we will continue to offer exciting opportunities for all of our students going forward.

Kind regards

Mr N Smith Headteacher