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12 September 2018

**The Muddy Choir by Jesse Briton and performed by Theatre Centre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 4 p.m.**

After the success of *Twist* last year, I have arranged for Theatre Centre to visit again, this time bringing Jesse Briton's play *The Muddy Choir* to The Cripps Hall Theatre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 4 p.m.

*It's November 1917 and the Third Battle of Ypres is lurching towards its bloody conclusion. Young soldiers Will, Robbie and Jumbo are thrust into a landscape starkly different to the playing fields and estates of their Sunderland home. When the trios' singing causes a disturbance up the line they face unwelcome attention from their commanding officers. Is music their ticket away from the front, as Robbie dreams, or will the passion it brings about prove more dangerous than bullets and gas?*

*The Muddy Choir* is a story about boys growing up and the humanising power of music. Commissioned and produced by Theatre Centre, the play has been written to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. The play, which includes period songs, tells the story of three young boys serving with the Durham Light Infantry in 1917.

I fully expect all students from Year 9 upwards, who are undertaking GCSE/A Level Drama, to attend this hour long event. The play will be followed by a 15-minute Question & Answer session and students in Year 12 will be undertaking a practice review on the performance.

For Year 9 I would hope that as many as possible would aim to come along to experience live theatre and learn about WW1, especially those who are planning to take Drama as a GCSE.

Year 13 will benefit from watching live theatre in preparation for their devised unit, particularly as they should experience a range of theatre and are required to cite influences.

Year 12 will also be participating in a workshop during the afternoon on the day of the performance at no extra cost.

The cost of this event has been subsidised but we would ask that you pay a contribution of £3. Please contact me if there are any issues with this. Please return the slip below with a cheque made payable to Northampton School *for Boys* to the Box Office. Tickets will be available to both collect and purchase from 3:35 p.m. at the Theatre Box Office on the day of the performance. If you would prefer to book using a credit/debit card, please telephone 01604 258666 between 12 - 2 p.m or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cripps-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cripps-hall) (booking fees apply).

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To: The Box Office, Northampton School *for Boys*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I require \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at £3 each for ***The Muddy Choir*** on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 4p.m.

I enclose payment of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please make cheques payable to Northampton School *for Boys*)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)