

02 November 2022

## **Year 12 Film Studies Vertigo and Auteur Theory Trip**

Dear Families

I have organised a day trip for all Year 12 Film Studies students to see one of their set texts, Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo*, on Friday 18 November. This is a phenomenal opportunity to see this masterpiece in the format for which it was created. The screening will be followed by a discussion dedicated to debates around the auteur theory: a key focus for this section of the final A Level examination.

The intention is for us to travel there from school after tutor time. Mr Lane and I will dismiss students following the screening so they are free to make their own way home (or to possibly go to another film that evening at the BFI using their 18-25 membership).

Summary of the day is described below.

This in-person event will focus on the application of the auteur theory to *Vertigo* (1958), considered by critics and film historians as the ultimate Hitchcock film, conveying his personal vision at the peak of his artistic talents. Hitchcock's status as a director rose just as the notion of the film 'auteur' was in its ascendancy. As a producer and director at Paramount, Hitchcock had more autonomy over his films than most directors working in the studio era. During this study day we will consider the development of the auteur theory and its relevance to *Vertigo*, and apply the theory through analysis of key sequences.

The trip will cost £15 which can be paid via Parent Pay or by cash. Please also ensure that your son/daughter has a topped up Oyster card for travel there and back via the train from St Margarets to Waterloo. Students should also ensure they bring food. There are cafes and restaurants nearby but they are expensive.

Financial support is available for all students who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and Free School Meals, as well as all other students for whom cost is a barrier to attendance. Please email [finance.dept@orleanspark.school](mailto:finance.dept@orleanspark.school) to enquire about this. We want to ensure that no students miss out on this opportunity due to the cost and all enquiries will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Please fill out the attached parental consent form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully



Jilly Hafenrichter  
Teacher of Film Studies  
Head of Year 12

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Name of student:

Student mobile:

Parent mobile:

Special Requirements (including SEN, medical or dietary):

I consent/do not consent to my son/daughter joining this trip (please delete as necessary).

I enclose cash of £15

I will be paying via ParentPay.

