



**Sponne School**  
A Music & Science Academy

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27th January 2025

**Myths and Legends Performance Workshop – Thursday 13th February at Sponne School**

Dear Parent / Carer

This year we are planning a visit for Year 7 from a professional storyteller who will create a dramatic performance of a Greek myth that the students have been studying, followed by a workshop where students will learn how to create their own storytelling performances.

As you may be aware, Year 7 students have been studying Greek myths as part of their Key Stage 3 course in English. The students have thoroughly enjoyed studying this element of storytelling but it can provide an even greater insight for them to see it performed. To that end, we have asked Katy Cawkwell to come into school on Thursday 13th February. At the start of the day, Katy will perform stories from The Tale of Troy. Following this, students will work in their form groups with Katy for an hour workshop where they will have an opportunity to get involved in exercises and games to teach them storytelling skills, with a particular focus on spoken word performance skills (including visualisation of the story, improvising from the text, stance/gesture, voice projection, vocal energy). Not only is this a great opportunity to see the stories they have read brought to life, but also to develop their own spoken language skills, which is a key element of the Key Stage 3 English National Curriculum. Furthermore students complete a spoken language component of their GCSE English Language qualification in year 10, and we are therefore keen to grow their confidence and enjoyment of speaking with their peers early in their school careers.

The activity is shown as a trip and is now open on TSCO Scopay for all eligible students. If you wish your son / daughter to take part, click on the name of the trip, enter the payment amount, add to basket and proceed to payment. A voluntary contribution of **£3.00** will be required by **12th February 2025** to confirm their place. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if numbers of students are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the performance. All payments for school trips/events are non-refundable unless otherwise stated. If you require any assistance with Scopay, please contact us on [trips@sponne.org.uk](mailto:trips@sponne.org.uk) or on 01327 350284.

As this is a curriculum related activity connected to their course, any student that is eligible for free school meals may also be eligible for financial assistance with this trip/event and should contact Ana Lopes, Parent Support Advisor, at [aletes@sponne.org.uk](mailto:aletes@sponne.org.uk) for further information.

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This letter is now on the School Website, Parents, Letters Home, Year 7.

Yours faithfully,

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