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STANFIELD THEATRE

BOOKING

There are four easy ways to book seats for performances:

- in person

The Box Office is open Monday to Saturday, 10 am-8 pm.

- by post

Simply complete the booking form and return it to Stanfield Theatre Box Office, PO Box 220, Stanfield, ST55 6GF. All cheques should be made payable to Stanfield Theatre.

- by telephone

Ring 01316 753219 to reserve your tickets or to pay by credit card (Visa, Mastercard and Amex accepted).

- on-line

Complete the on-line booking form at www.stanfieldtheatre.com

DISCOUNTS

- **Saver:** £2 off any seat booked any time in advance for performances from Monday to Thursday inclusive, and for all matinees. Savers are available for children up to 16 years old, over 60s and full-time students.
- **Supersaver:** half-price seats are available for people with disabilities and one companion. It is advisable to book in advance. There is a maximum of eight wheelchair spaces available and one wheelchair space will be held until one hour before the show (subject to availability).
- **Standby:** best available seats are on sale for £6 from one hour before the performance for people eligible for Saver and Supersaver discounts and thirty minutes before for all other customers.
- **Group Bookings:** there is a ten per cent discount for parties of twelve or more.
- **Schools:** school parties of ten or more can book £6 Standby tickets in advance and will get every tenth ticket free.

Please note: we are unable to exchange tickets or refund money unless a performance is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Gift vouchers for any value can be bought at the Box Office.

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the reading passage.

In boxes 8-13 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this

- ___ 8. It is possible to book tickets for performances using the Internet.
- ___ 9. 60-year-olds who want to book in advance have to prove their age to get a discount.
- ___ 10. Someone accompanying a wheelchair user to a performance receives a discount.
- ___ 11. Students can get Standby tickets 45 minutes before a performance begins.
- ___ 12. A group of ten adults going to a performance can claim a discount.
- ___ 13. Theatre-goers who are unexpectedly unable to attend a performance can get their money back.

B. HOMEWORK

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WORK & TRAVEL USA

Do you want to have the best summer holiday ever?

Have you just graduated and want to escape for a unique experience abroad?

Only \$1950 will make It all happen!

This unbeatable program fee includes:

- return flight from Sydney to Los Angeles (onward travel in USA not included)
- 3 months' insurance cover
- 2 nights' accommodation on arrival plus meet and greet and airport transfer
- arrival orientation by experienced **InterExchange** staff
- visa application fees

You also have:

- access to a J-1 visa enabling you to work in the USA
- an extensive directory of employers
- **InterExchange** support throughout the program
- 24-hour emergency support throughout the length of the program

Call toll-free 1800 678 738

InterExchange has 50 years' experience in international student exchange programs. 18,000 students from around the world travel yearly to the USA on this very program. **InterExchange** can also offer you work opportunities in other countries.

WHAT IS INTEREXCHANGE?

InterExchange, one of the world's leading operators of international exchange programs and related services:

- is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation
- has 700 professional staff in 30 countries worldwide
- was founded in 1947

InterExchange operates these programs for students all around the world. It offers you trained and travelled staff, plus full support during the application process. You can choose any job that interests you anywhere in the USA, whether that is working in a law firm in Boston, a famous ski resort in Colorado or serving coffee and doughnuts in the buzzing streets of New York. You can select the period you work and the period you travel; you may want to work for 1 month and travel for 3, or work the entire duration of your stay. The choice is yours.

YOU CAN TAKE UP THIS OPPORTUNITY IF YOU ARE:

- a full-time student at an Australian university or TAFE college
- presently enrolled, or finishing this year, or you have deferred a year of study
- over 18 years old by November in the academic year in which you apply to **InterExchange**
- enthusiastic about the experience of a lifetime...

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- _____ 1. The program cost includes internal flights within the USA.
- _____ 2. Emergency assistance offered in the program includes legal advice.
- _____ 3. InterExchange offers similar programs in countries other than the USA.
- _____ 4. InterExchange is part of a government program.
- _____ 5. There are no restrictions on the type of job you can do.
- _____ 6. There is an upper age limit for applicants.

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BINGHAM REGIONAL COLLEGE

International Students' Orientation Programme

What is it?

It is a course which will introduce you to the College and to Bingham. It takes place in the week before term starts, from 24th - 28th September inclusive, but you should plan to arrive in Bingham on the 22nd or 23rd September.

Why do we think it is important?

We want you to have the best possible start to your studies and you need to find out about all the opportunities that college life offers. This programme aims to help you do just that. It will enable you to get to know the College, its facilities and services. You will also have the chance to meet staff and students.

How much will it cost?

- International students (non-European Union students)

For those students who do not come from European Union (EU) countries, and who are not used to European culture and customs, the programme is very important and you are strongly advised to attend. Because of this, the cost of the programme, exclusive of accommodation, is built into your tuition fees.

- EU students

EU students are welcome to take part in this programme for a fee of £195, exclusive of accommodation. Fees are not refundable.

- Accommodation costs (international and EU students)

If you have booked accommodation for the year ahead (41 weeks) through the College in one of the College residences (Cambourne House, Hanley House, the Student Village or a College shared house), you do not have to pay extra for accommodation during the Orientation programme. If you have not booked accommodation in the College residences, you can ask us to pre-book accommodation for you for one week only (Orientation Programme week) in a hotel with other international students. The cost of accommodation for one week is approximately £165. Alternatively, you can arrange your own accommodation for that week in a flat, with friends or a local family.

What is included during the programme?

- *Meals:* lunch and an evening meal are provided as part of the programme, beginning with supper on Sunday 23rd September and finishing with lunch at midday on Friday 28th September. Please note that breakfast is not available.

- *Information sessions:* including such topics as accommodation, health, religious matters, welfare, immigration, study skills, careers and other 'essential information'.

- *Social activities:* including a welcome buffet and a half-day excursion round Bingham.

- *Transport:* between your accommodation and the main College campus, where activities will take place.



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- ___ 7. Participants are advised to arrive one or two days early.
- ___ 8. The cost of the programme for EU students, excluding accommodation, is £195.
- ___ 9. The number of places available is strictly limited.
- ___ 10. Some students are not charged extra for accommodation during the programme.
- ___ 11. The College will arrange accommodation with local families.
- ___ 12. You can obtain breakfast at the College for an extra charge.

BILL GATES

William Henry Gates III (Bill) was born on October 28, 1955, in Seattle, Washington. Bill was the second of three children in an upper-middle class family. He enjoyed playing games with the family and was very competitive. He also loved to read. Bill became bored in public school so his family sent him to Lakeside School, a private school, where he excelled in math and science and did well in drama and English.

Gates became interested in computer programming when he was 13, during the era of giant mainframe computers. His school held a fund-raiser to purchase a teletype terminal so students could use computer time that was donated by General Electric. Using this time, Gates wrote a tic-tac-toe program using BASIC, one of the first computer languages. Later he created a computer version of Risk, a board game he liked in which the goal is world domination. At Lakeside, Bill met Paul Allen, who shared his interest in computers. Gates and Allen and two other students hacked into a computer belonging to Computer Center Corporation (CCC) to get free computer time but were caught. After a period of probation, they were allowed back in the computer lab when they offered to fix glitches in CCC's software. At age 17, Gates and Allen were paid \$20,000 for a program called Traf-O-Data that was used to count traffic.

In early 1973, Bill Gates served as a congressional page in the U.S. House of Representatives. He scored 1590 out of 1600 on the SAT and was accepted by Harvard University. Steve Ballmer, who became CEO of Microsoft after Bill retired, was also a Harvard student. Meanwhile, Paul Allen dropped out of Washington College to work on computers at Honeywell Corporation and convinced Gates to drop out of Harvard and join him in starting a new software company in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They called it Micro-Soft. This was soon changed to Microsoft, and they moved their company to Bellevue, Washington.

In 1980, IBM, one of the largest technology companies of the era, asked Microsoft to write software to run their new personal computer, the IBM PC. Microsoft kept the licensing rights for the operating system (MS-DOS) so that they earned money for every computer sold first by IBM, and later by all the other companies that made PC computers. Microsoft grew quickly from 25 employees in 1978 to over 90,000 today. Over the years, Microsoft developed many new technologies and some of the world's most popular software and products such as Word and Power Point. Although some have criticized Gates for using questionable business practices, he built Microsoft into one of the largest companies in the world. He has been described as brilliant but childlike, driven, competitive, intense, fun, but lacking in empathy.

Bill Gates is one of the richest men in the world. In 2012, his \$61 billion dollars in assets made him the world's second richest man according to Forbes Magazine. In 2006, Gates announced that he would cut back his involvement at Microsoft to spend more time on philanthropy and his foundation. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation supports many causes including the quest to eradicate Polio, fighting AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis; providing vaccinations for children; and even reinventing the toilet among many other things.

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- ___ 13. Gates has two other siblings.
- ___ 14. Gates and three other students were caught while trying to hack a CCC's computer.
- ___ 15. Gates achieved the highest possible SAT score.
- ___ 16. Gates and Paul Allen established a company called Micro-Soft in Mexico.
- ___ 17. Companies selling PC computers have to pay Microsoft for using its operating system.
- ___ 18. Gates led Microsoft to become the biggest company in the world.
- ___ 19. Gates decided to invest more money into the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.