

14th September 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

London West End Show: Wicked - Wednesday, November 15th 2023 7am-10.30pm

Newland is taking its first trip to London's West End on Wednesday, November 15th to watch Wicked. Wicked tells the other side of the story of the 'The Wizard of Oz', of the friendship between two young women who meet as sorcery students at Shiz University, the blonde and popular Galinda and the misunderstood green girl Elphaba. Elphaba has been discriminated against her whole life due to the colour of her skin, yet she aspires to do well and with Galinda they set off to meet the Wizard of Oz to win justice and freedom for the animals of Oz. Yet Galinda's desire for popularity sees her seduced by power and Elphaba's desire to remain true has shocking consequences for her future.

It is a day trip so we will be leaving early and arriving back late. School arrival will be 6.45am to leave promptly at 7am. We will return around 10.30pm (traffic permitting). Please ensure that you make adequate arrangements to collect your child at this time.

Students will not be required to wear school uniform. Pupils will need to take a packed lunch for breakfast (unless eaten early at home), lunch and evening meal. Although we are stopping at the services, we will not have enough time for students to order and eat food. We will be able to leave things on the coach but will not be able to return to the coach after we have been dropped in London. The venue itself does not allow large bags.

When we arrive in London (traffic depending) we will be doing a three mile walking tour of the main sites – Buckingham Palace, St James Park, Horse Guards Parade, the Cenotaph, Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster/Houses of Parliament – so please ensure your child wears shoes suitable for walking (with socks so we don't get big blisters!) and a coat.

The cost of this trip, ticket and transport is £66. This can be paid via parent pay or cash to Mrs Piercy, Finance Officer. To secure a place on this trip we **require both the deposit and the return slip by September 29th**. Deposit of £40 by September 29th and final payment of £26 by October 27th. Paying the deposit alone will not secure a place on the trip, it must be both deposit and reply slip by this date.

The venue has some strict requirements: mobile phones must be switched off, not put on silent, as this is a live performance. During the performance, we are expected to remain seated and not talk, and will be asked to leave should we not adhere to this. Toilets can be accessed before the start and at the interval. It's a long day to end up not watching the performance due to unacceptable behaviour.

Students can purchase items at the venue but it is a cashless venue and therefore can only purchase items with a card only – Apple Pay, Google Pay, credit, debit and GoHenry cards – are all accepted. There is not a multi-faith prayer room available at the venue.

You will note I have asked for the student mobile numbers also. Should we be evacuated from the venue the meet point is Cathedral Piazza, a short three minute walk away and I would prefer not to lose anyone should this occur. All pupils will be given the school mobile number to put into their phones, should they get separated at any point from the group. London is a lot busier, noisier and faster moving than Hull, so it is important that students keep their eyes and ears focussed on the their teacher leader (students will be spilt into smaller groups of 10 with one teacher) at all times.

If your child has a SEND need, authorisation for their attendance on the visit must be approved by Mr Lloyd (SENCO) before a place can be confirmed. This is to ensure we can safeguard and facilitate your child's needs. There are special effects, loud bangs and flashing/strobe lights during the performance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Callaghan', written in a cursive style.

V Callaghan
Headteacher

I would like my daughter to attend the visit to the Wicked, the Musical on the London West End on Wednesday, November 15th 7am-10.30pm

Pupil Name: _____

Date: _____

Medical Condition

(Please note down any condition which we should know about for the day of the visit – medication should be handed to the member of staff at the start of the trip)

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Name of GP

Address

Telephone Number

Emergency Contact Number for Parent:

Pupil Mobile Phone Number:

Home Telephone Number

I acknowledge the importance of sensible behaviour and the need to follow teachers' instructions during the visit. I understand my daughter will need to be dropped off and picked up due to timings.

Signed: Parent Date:

Please return this slip by September 29th with at least the deposit to Ms Callaghan or Mrs Piercy

Wicked, The Musical

Wednesday, November 15th 2023

Time: 7am – 10.30pm

6.45am	Meet in the Bus Turning Circle
7.00am	Leave Newland School for Girls
9.30am	Services Toilet Stop
12noon	Arrive London for Walking Tour
1.15pm	Lunch: GirlGuiding I can Do
1.45pm	Arrive Apollo Theatre
2.15pm	Performance Starts
5.30pm	Coach Pick Up and Return
10.30pm	Arrive Newland School for Girls

Please note: timings may change slightly on the day due to traffic on the journey to and from London.