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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: London West End Show: Wicked Wednesday, 3rd July 2024 - 7 am - 10.30 pm

Kelvin Hall School is taking a trip to London’s West End on Wednesday, 3rd July to watch “Wicked”. “Wicked” tells the other side of the story of “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. Pupils should arrive at school for 6.45 am to leave promptly at 7 am. We will return around 10.30 pm (traffic permitting). Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your child at this time.

Places & Payment:

The cost of this trip, ticket, and transport is £70.00. Payments must be made via ParentPay. If you require ParentPay login details, please contact the school on 01482 342 229, or via email at info@kelvinhall.net, “FAO: Finance office”. The full price must be paid in 2 instalments:

Payment 1	£35	by 3rd May
Payment 2	£35	by 1st June

If you require a payment plan to cover the cost of the trip, please contact the Finance office.

All places will be allocated through a lottery system should the number of expressions of interest exceed the number of places available on the trip. Parents and carers will be contacted so payment can be made on ParentPay, and a waiting list will be put in place.

Please be aware that the expression of interest form will close on Wednesday, 1st May at 2pm, and you will no longer be able to access it after that time. The link to the form is at the end of this letter.

Schedule & Organisation:

Students will not be required to wear their 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 Place, 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 and a coat suitable for walking in all weather conditions.



Safety, Behaviour & Expectations:

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.

Students can purchase items at the venue, but it is a cashless venue and therefore they 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.

Please note that, during the performance, there are special effects, loud bangs and flashing/strobe lights. If your child has a SEND that may need to be taken into consideration during the planning and staffing of this trip, please contact us to discuss these arrangements. This is to ensure we can safeguard and facilitate your child's needs.

As part of this trip, we will be asking for students' mobile numbers. These will be held by the lead member of staff, Miss Hilton. Should we be evacuated from the venue, the meet point is Cathedral Piazza, a short three-minute walk away. Should this occur, it is essential that staff are able to contact students to ensure all are safe and present. All students 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 their teacher leader at all times. To that end, students will be split into smaller groups of approximately 8 students with one teacher.

Expression of Interest Link:

To register your interest, please complete and submit the Google Form linked below:

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/Nvd8zNdiNBXxLV8y7>

Yours sincerely,

Mr Leng
Head of School
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