

JDP/Wicked/LH
8 January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 and 11 Trip to see Wicked the Musical

At Longsands Academy we value the experience of seeing live musical theatre on London's West End stage as a key element of your child's educational and cultural development. Therefore it is with great pleasure that we can offer the opportunity for our students to see:

Wicked the Musical at the Apollo Theatre, Victoria, London on Thursday, 22 March 2018

Students will need to be back at the Academy by **16:00** for a 16:15 departure, returning to school at approximately **00:30**. Since this trip is outside of normal Academy hours, students are not expected to wear uniform, but suitable attire appropriate for the theatre is expected and you will need to collect your son/daughter from the Academy when we return. Students can also bring a packed dinner and non-fizzy drinks to have on the coach. If they wish to purchase souvenirs, snacks or drinks at the theatre, they can bring spending money which they will be responsible for.

The cost of the trip, including a ticket, coach travel to and from the theatre in London and insurance is £32. **ParentPay will open on Monday, 15 January at 09:00 with priority given to current Music and Drama students.**

The remaining tickets will be released to all Key Stage 4 students on Monday, 22 January at 09:00. Places on this trip will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so a prompt reply would be recommended. Parent Pay will close on Thursday, 1 February 2018. If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this trip. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs F Smith (fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk). If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit to reserve a place on the trip and then contact Mrs Smith immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

We reserve the right to not take any pupil whose behaviour is considered in any way antisocial or unsafe. The Academy is required to undertake a risk assessment for all trips and visits. We cannot allow any student to take part in an activity unless any risk involved is assessed as being low.

Yours sincerely



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