

January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The Expressive Arts Department is delighted to be able to offer students the opportunity to visit two different performances this Academic year. The details for each of the events are as follows;

**Trip to Wicked at The Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday 21 February 2024**

The Expressive Arts Department is delighted to be able to offer 45 students the opportunity to visit The Bristol Hippodrome to see the musical theatre production Wicked on Wednesday 21 February 2024. The show cleverly reimagines the story of The Wizard of Oz and is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience an amazing piece of live theatre for its spellbinding acting, design and music.

Students will register in the Main Hall at 5.35pm and leave the Academy by coach at 5.45pm and the show begins at 7.30pm. We will be arriving back at the Academy at approximately 10:55pm. As the trip returns after the end of the school day, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport home from the Academy.

**The total cost of the educational visit will be £41.00**

**Trip to The Woman in Black at The Bath Theatre Royal on Wednesday 13 March 2024**

The Expressive Arts Department is delighted to be able to offer 45 students the opportunity to visit The Bath Theatre Royal to see the musical theatre production The Woman in Black on Wednesday 13 March 2024. This exceptional show has been running for 33 years and been seen by a worldwide audience of 7 seven million people. Students will delight in its spine-tingling stagecraft and gripping atmosphere. **This is a gothic horror performance and not suitable for students who do not enjoy the thrill of being scared.**

Students will register in the Main Hall at 12.20pm and leave the Academy by coach at 12.30pm and the show begins at 2.30pm. We will be arriving back at The Academy at approximately 5.50pm. As the trip returns after the end of the school day, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport home from the Academy.

**The total cost of the educational visit will be £30.00**

The cost for each of the trips above will include the following - theatre tickets, cost of the coach hire and administration fees.

Not included: Refreshments and programmes. Students may bring extra money to purchase programmes and refreshments such as soft drinks and ice creams during the interval. Please note, the venue will only accept card payment.

**To be able to secure tickets for each of the performances, the payment deadline for the deposits for each of the trips is due by Wednesday 7 February 2024. ParentPay will open for all of the trips individually to make payment at 8am on Friday 26 January 2024.** Please ensure your ParentPay account has been activated before. If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



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The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay and barcode letters are also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above.

Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, and the date and time of the meeting is circulated via Tutors and ClassCharts. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trips we ask that parents/carers attend a short briefing prior to departure. If you have any queries about any of the trips please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or me on [LMochrie@kovessex.co.uk](mailto:LMochrie@kovessex.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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