



24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **Performing Arts Trip to London – February 2025**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to invite your child to take part in our Department's annual trip to London's West End theatre shows. The trip is always very enjoyable, as well as culturally and educationally enriching. It is open to students who are studying the Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music) in KS4 and KS5, as well as Post 16 students, who would enjoy the cultural experience. If the trip is oversubscribed, preference may be given to KS4/5 students of Performing Arts (Drama & Dance), but the trip is open to all students who enjoy theatre and performance.

Highlights for our visit include:

- Luxury return coach travel to London from Glossopdale School and Sixth Form
- One night's bed and breakfast at Wembley International Hotel, in a shared en-suite room
- Tickets to two West End shows- Evening and Matinee (shows TBC)
- Evening meal at Pizza Hut
- Backstage tour of the National Theatre
- Walking tour of famous London Landmarks including Trafalgar Square, No.10 Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament
- Thames River Cruiser to the Tower of London
- Free time in Covent Garden and Leicester Square to shop

The final itinerary will be confirmed closer to the date of the trip.

The visit will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025, leaving school at 6.30am and returning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 around 10.30pm (please note this is the start of February Half Term break).

The cost of the trip is £333.00 per student. This includes all planned activities and the meals listed, transport and insurance. Students who are eligible for Pupil Premium will be entitled to a reduced cost of £267 and the amount of the subsidy will be deducted from your final payment.

If you wish to apply for a place on the trip, please pay a £50 deposit on ParentPay (London 2025) **by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. This trip always proves popular, but we are only able to offer a maximum of 50 places. If interest exceeds the amount of spaces available, preference will be given to KS4/5 students of Performing Arts (Drama & Dance) and remaining names will be drawn from a hat. Students who are unsuccessful in gaining a place will have their deposit returned.

You may pay in **FULL** at any time, but deposits must be received in line with the following schedule:



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| Initial deposit of £50   | Payment by 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> deposit of £70                                 | Payment by 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> deposit of £100                                | Payment by 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024    |
| Final payment of £113 (or £47 if eligible for Pupil Premium) * | Payment by 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024 |

\* *The School will contribute £66 to the final payment for eligible Pupil Premium students*

Please note that deposits collected towards the final balance are done so according to the tour provider's terms and conditions and, therefore, are non-refundable in most cases. If your child subsequently decides to withdraw from this trip at a later date, cancellation of the place will only be accepted in writing from the parent/carer, and the tour operator's cancellation charges will apply. The School will attempt to fill cancelled places and endeavour to obtain a refund, but this is not guaranteed. If a student is unable to attend due to a medical reason, evidence of this will be required from a doctor. Please be aware that we reserve the right to refuse or remove places based on your child's attitude, attendance and behaviour, either in School or on any other previous trip or residential.

We understand that education trips can be expensive. We do have some financial assistance available to ensure that all students are able to take advantage of this excellent opportunity. If you would like to discuss this, please contact your child's Year Leader or Manager. Contact details can be found on our website here: <https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/Contact-Us/>. Alternatively, please email [info@glossopdale.school](mailto:info@glossopdale.school)

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact me on the email address below.

Yours sincerely

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