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Dear Parent

## Re: Theatre Trip to see the musical Wicked and a Musical Theatre Workshop - Wednesday 22 October 2025

We are pleased to inform you that a curriculum trip to London has been arranged for students to participate in a musical theatre workshop and to see a matinee performance of the musical 'Wicked' at the Apollo Victoria Theatre on Wednesday 22 October 2025.

The cost of the trip is £70 per student.

On the day, students are to meet Smithdon staff at **7:50am** at **King's Lynn Train Station** to depart on the 8.12 train to London. On arrival, we will use the London Underground to get to the Dance Works Studio, where students will participate in a two-hour musical theatre workshop, learning a song and choreography from the show Wicked (11am-1pm). From there, we will make our way to the Apollo Theatre – stopping on route for lunch (which students will need to bring money to buy, or bring a packed lunch with them).

The matinee performance of Wicked begins at 2:30pm and will conclude at 5:15pm. We will then make our way back to King's Cross Train Station to catch the 6:39pm train back to King's Lynn, where students will need to be collected from at **8:30pm.** (Timings at the moment are estimated and will be confirmed closer to the time).

Students must attend in appropriate clothing which is suitable for dance.

If you would like for your child to take part in this trip, please complete the online Google form <a href="https://forms.gle/Sb8TR9Setv5nmxjg6">https://forms.gle/Sb8TR9Setv5nmxjg6</a> and make the payment of the initial deposit of **£30** on MCAS by Friday **18 April 2025**. Your child's place will <u>not</u> be secured until you have made the payment and completed the online form. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and would like a packed lunch provided by the canteen, then please also indicate this on the Google form.

## **Payment Plan**

We appreciate that there is a significant cost to this trip, in an attempt to make this as accessible as possible, we have arranged for the following instalment plan to be available:

Date due	Amount	Balance due
18 April 2025	£30.00	£40.00
11 July 2025	£20.00	£20.00
15 September 2025	£20.00	£00.00









If you would like to take the opportunity to pay by instalments please ensure that your instalment has been paid by the due date: a missed payment could lead to the trip being withdrawn.

While every effort has been made to ensure that the cost of this trip is accurately reflected in the price quoted, the school does reserve the right to amend costs or withdraw the trip should there be insufficient uptake in student numbers, or insufficient voluntary contributions received. On the rare occasion that prices do need to change this will be communicated to you *BEFORE* your deposit/first instalment is committed and becomes non-refundable.

In the event your child is unable to attend or you subsequently fail to make a payment, any instalments paid to date will be non-refundable\* (unless a suitable replacement can be found to take your child's place).

If assistance is required with the cost of this visit, please email <u>j.jackson@smithdonhigh.org.uk</u> to obtain an application form for the school's Learner Support Fund.

Further remittance advice is available within the school's charging and remittance policy available on the school website and parents are encouraged to refer to this.

Due to a limited number of places, if demand outweighs available spaces, places will be allocated in the fairest way possible. All students who have paid the depositi will be entered into a random name generator and places allocated according to the names drawn. We will confirm whether your child has been successful as soon as possible after the trip deadline.

Please note that each child's place on the trip is dependent on them maintaining high levels of attendance and meeting Smithdon's behaviour expectations. If allocated a place, Smithdon High School reserves the right to withdraw your child's place at any time, if either of these things become a concern. In this instance, any payments made will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement is found.

Yours sincerely

## Mrs V Proctor Drama Department

\* Except in the event of a medical condition preventing participation. In these circumstances a claim should be made to the school's travel insurer, please contact the school directly and they will assist with your claim (please note confirmation from your doctor will be required).