

29th January 2024
LCO/HMO

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to announce that we have been selected to receive tickets for a special performance of 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Part 1 and Part 2, which is being performed live at the Palace Theatre, in London on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Tickets for the production, (usually costing upwards of £100), have been given to us at a heavily discounted rate, as a last minute offer, to see the understudy cast perform for the first time.

There's magic in every moment in Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, the most awarded play in history and "one of the most defining pop culture events of the decade" (Forbes)

19 years after Harry, Ron, and Hermione saved the wizarding world, they're back on a most extraordinary new adventure – this time, joined by a brave new generation that has only just arrived at the legendary Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Prepare for spectacular spells, a mind-blowing race through time, and an epic battle to stop mysterious forces, all while the future hangs in the balance.

This one-of-a-kind theatrical experience is packed with "thrilling theatricality and pulse-pounding storytelling" (The Hollywood Reporter). *It will leave you "audibly wowed, cheering and gasping"* (The Telegraph), as *"visions of pure enchantment send shivers down your spine"* (Rolling Stone). *"It is out of this world, it's magic, it's a hit"* (The Times).

On the date of our visit, all participating students and accompanying staff will travel by coach departing from the Academy at 10am to arrive for the first performance which begins at 1pm. The second performance will commence at 6.00pm and we expect to arrive back at the Academy at approximately 11pm and I would be grateful if you would please make arrangements to collect your son/daughter from the Academy at this time. If there is any change to our anticipated return time, students will be asked to let parents/carers know by text/phone call.

We are asking for a contribution of £38 to cover the cost of this visit. You will appreciate that the activity will not be able to take place if sufficient funds are not forthcoming. Please be aware that the theatre's terms and conditions state that once we have committed to the event, there are no refunds, therefore the trip cost is non-refundable.

It is easy to make a payment online provided you have already registered to access our Cashless Catering/Online e-payments system. If you have not yet registered, please contact Mrs N Logan, nlogan@ormistonsudbury.co.uk to request registration details if you have misplaced the instructions that were sent to you in the post at the start of term. Simply log onto <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk> with your Username and Password. From the Home Page, click on Accounts and select your child's name, followed by the Details button to the right of the Fund Name 'The Cursed Child'. Finally, go to the basket and make your payment. Please indicate that you have made the online payment on the attached slip.

Please note: unfortunately, places on the trip cannot not guaranteed until payment has been made, as tickets are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please note: students will **not** be supervised during the dinner break between the two shows; they will be permitted to spend their free time in the pedestrianized Covent Garden area near to the theatre building. We would therefore ask that your son/daughter *either* brings a packed tea, *or* alternatively enough money to purchase something from one of the many food outlets in the vicinity. NB If your son/daughter is entitled to a Free School Meal and you would like a packed lunch to be prepared for them to take on the day, please indicate this on the Reply Slip.

On the day of our visit, students must be dressed in full and correct uniform - as detailed in student planners and on the website - to be allowed to join this trip. Unfortunately, any students who do not comply with our expectations regarding uniform will be asked to remain in the Academy. We must also mention that, if at any time from now to the date of the trip, your child's behaviour is considered by the Academy to be unacceptable and might cause serious concern whilst away from the site, the right is reserved to refuse to take him/her/them on the trip. However, we are sure all parents understand how important trust, behaviour and safety issues are on these occasions.

If your son/daughter would like a place on this trip, please will you return the attached permission slip and make payment via the online system by break-time on **Friday 2nd February** so that tickets can be confirmed with the theatre.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Cox
Assistant Principal
LCox@ormistonsudbury.co.uk

Reply Slip
Ormiston Sudbury Academy
'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child', London – Tuesday 6th February 2024

Student's Name: _____

Year & Tutor Group: _____

Student's Mobile Tel No: _____

I refer to the letter, dated 29th January and give permission for my child to participate in the trip to see Harry Potter and the Cursed Child in London on Tuesday 6th February 2024; I undertake to collect my child from the Academy at 11.00pm on this date.

I have made an on-line payment of £38 (please state the order number): _____

Please note until payment is received the place is not guaranteed as we have a very limited number of places on this trip.

I understand that this contribution is non-refundable.

In the event of a small surplus remaining in the trip/activity fund after all settlements have been made:

I am happy to donate this to the Academy fund

or
 I wish to receive a refund (Please tick as appropriate)

For the duration of the trip, the emergency contact person/number will be as follows:

Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Tel: _____

Medical/Dietary/Other information about the student of which accompanying staff should be aware:

PLEASE NOTE: If your son/daughter has a medical condition which necessitates the administration of medicine, please indicate on this reply slip and arrange for medication to be given to the teacher in charge on the day of the trip. For those students who carry such items as asthma inhalers and Epi-pens, students should confirm with the teacher in charge that they have medication with them and should confirm where it is to be kept during the day. Medication will be returned to your child at the end of the off-site visit. If you feel your child's condition requires a Health Plan, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

My son/daughter is entitled to a Free School Meal, and I would like to order a packed lunch for the day of the trip.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name of Parent/Carer: _____ **BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE**

Please return completed slip via the post box outside the Attendance Office
by **break-time on Friday 2nd February 2024** - Thank you.