



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Visit to the Pantomime, Harrogate Theatre, Thursday 11th January 2024

The Dance and Drama Department have arranged a visit for Year 7 students to see the pantomime '*Dick Whittington*' at Harrogate Theatre during the morning of Thursday 11 January 2024. This is an excellent opportunity for our younger students to join in the fun of the pantomime and experience live theatre. This consolidates their learning in Drama where they have been studying Pantomime as a specific style of theatre.

Students will attend tutor time as normal then meet in the main hall to be registered. They will leave school at approximately 9.00am and walk to the theatre, escorted by staff. The performance will end at approximately **12.15p.m** when the students will be escorted back to school by staff. They will return to school in time for their normal lunchtime. The cost of the ticket is **£13.00**.

Please log on to ParentPay to give your permission for your child to attend the trip and make full payment no later than Monday 23rd October. Unfortunately, if insufficient contributions are received, the visit will not be able to run. Whilst we recognise that educational visits can be expensive, we believe it is important for all our students to experience these and would very much like to ensure that every child can take part. Therefore, **if school is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding for your child/they are on Free School Meals**, we subsidise visits up to a total of £50 per student per academic year. If this applies to your child and the cost of this visit can be met/partially met because their £50 has not yet been allocated, this will be reflected on ParentPay – you will just need to complete the consent aspect after logging in. **Please also complete the attached consent form and return to me at school.** There are limited places available (80) and so tickets will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served basis.' Students who are not able to attend the pantomime will have lessons in school on that day.

Full school uniform should be worn with sensible strong shoes and a waterproof coat. It is advisable for the students to bring a snack as they will miss break time at school.

Attendance for this trip is dependent on your child maintaining positive behaviour and attitude to learning/school life; failing to do so may result in your child having to stay in school.

Finally, a polite reminder that it is your responsibility to provide timely updated medical and contact details to school. Should you have any queries regarding this event please do not hesitate to contact me using my school email address (shastings@hhs.nsat.org.uk) or call school.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Dance and Drama.