

2nd May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Mayflower Theatre trip to see ‘Wicked.’

We are really excited to be able to offer Drama and Music students the opportunity to see the West End smash hit *Wicked*.

**IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE
WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST, THINK AGAIN...**

When *Dorothy* famously triumphed over the *Wicked Witch*, we only ever heard one side of the story. **Gregory Maguire's** acclaimed 1995 novel, 'Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West', re-imagines the Land of Oz, creating a parallel universe to the familiar story written by **L. Frank Baum** and first published as '*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*' in 1900.

Wicked tells the incredible untold story of an unlikely but profound friendship between two young women who first meet as sorcery students at Shiz University: the blonde and very popular *Glinda* and a misunderstood green girl named *Elphaba*. Following an encounter with *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths. *Glinda's* unflinching desire for popularity sees her seduced by power while *Elphaba's* determination to remain true to herself, and to those around her, will have unexpected and shocking consequences for her future. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfil their destinies as *Glinda The Good* and the *Wicked Witch of the West*.

Acclaimed as “*one of the West End's true modern classics*” (Metro), and already the 15th longest running show in London theatre history, *Wicked* has show-stopping songs by Academy Award® winner **Stephen Schwartz** and is adapted for the stage by **Winnie Holzman** (*My So Called Life*). *Wicked* is a three-time winner of the WhatsOnStage Award for ‘Best West End Show’ and a two-time winner of the Olivier Audience Award.

We will be travelling to the theatre by coach. Students will need to be registered in the Drama Studio (A53) at 5:45pm and we aim to return to school by 11.30pm. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance is £32.00; we have been very lucky to get the education rate which means we have massively discounted seats!

Students should provide a packed lunch to eat when we arrive at the theatre, please note that food and fizzy drinks will not be permitted into the theatre.

There are a limited number of tickets available. If you would like your son/daughter to attend please return the reply slip with payment and the attached medical form to the Finance Office by Friday 1st June. Please note that places on the trip are limited and if oversubscribed places will be allocated on a random and equitable basis. Cheques should be made payable to The Arnewood School with the student's name, tutor group and event on the reverse.

If your child has a medical condition/disability please ensure they are not taking part in this visit against your doctor's advice.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K. Watson
Head of Drama

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Reply slip re: Mayflower Theatre trip to see 'Wicked.'

Student name: **Tutor group:**

I give permission for my child to attend the above event and attach the completed medical form and payment.