

# THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

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25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: The Mayflower Theatre - The Ocean at the End of the Lane**

We have been very fortunate to get tickets to see The National Theatre's acclaimed production of **The Ocean at the End of the Lane** at The Mayflower Theatre, Southampton on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

*From the imagination of Neil Gaiman, best-selling author of Coraline, Good Omens and The Sandman, comes the National Theatre's major new stage adaptation of The Ocean at the End of the Lane.*

*This thrilling adventure of fantasy, myth and friendship, is a five-star spectacular which blends magic with memory in a tour-de-force of storytelling that takes audiences on an epic journey to a childhood once forgotten and the darkness that lurks at the very edge of it.*

*Returning to his childhood home, a man finds himself standing beside the pond of the old Sussex farmhouse where he used to play. He's transported to his 12th birthday when his remarkable friend Lettie claimed it wasn't a pond, but an ocean – a place where everything is possible...*

*Plunged into a magical world, their survival depends on their ability to reckon with ancient forces that threaten to destroy everything around them.*

Please note the performance has a 12+ guidance rating, the production comes with the following warning:

**This production contains the following physical effects; high intensity lighting and strobe, haze and smoke, pyrotechnics, loud sound, and blackouts. The production contains moments that some people may find frightening, including references to death. We always recommend individual discretion alongside the age guidance.**

We will be travelling to the theatre by coach. Student will need to be registered in the canteen at **5:45pm**. We estimate to be back at school at **11pm**. The total cost for the trip including transport and ticket for the performance will be **£25.50**. We have been very lucky to get the education rate which means we have massively discounted seats!

Students are allowed to attend in their own clothes, they should bring a fully charged mobile phone with credit so that they can contact you with our arrival time back at the school. The theatre sells sweets, chocolate and drinks however, it is a cashless venue and only accepts contactless payments. Students are advised to bring their own snacks in a small Tupperware tub to ensure they do not create a disturbance for other theatre goers.

Updates on all trips including expected time of arrival to return to school and pictures will be put on our Drama Twitter page, please follow @Dramaarnewood to ensure you are kept up to date with all trips and department news. I appreciate that theatre trips do arrive back to school late in the evening, but students are expected to arrive at school on time the following day.

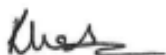


There are a limited number of tickets available. If you would like your child to attend please return the reply slip with payment to the Finance Office by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. Please note that places on the trip are limited and if oversubscribed places will be allocated on a random and equitable basis.

Cheques should be made payable to The Arnewood School and all money must be handed into the Finance office in an envelope that is clearly labelled with The Ocean at the End of the Lane Trip, student's name, student's tutor group and the amount of money included.

It is Parent's responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to contact numbers and medical information pertaining to their child. Parents can update via The Parent Portal (accessible on a laptop or computer) and/or Arbor App (mobile version of the Parent Portal). We recommend the use of The Parent Portal/Arbor App to view and update your child's details as it is the quickest and most secure way to keep all your details up to date. If you would like any support with this please contact our IT Helpdesk on 01425 625 431.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K. Watson

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**Reply Slip – Return to the Finance Office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**Re: The Mayflower Theatre - The Ocean at the End of the Lane**

Student's Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

I give permission for my child to attend the school trip to the Mayflower Theatre as detailed in the letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May. I enclose full payment of £25.50.

My child will be collected from school by: ..... (named adult).

I undertake to keep the school informed of any changes in contact numbers or medical information pertaining to my child.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Parent/Carer