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24 November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Jekyll & Hyde Walking Tour – Wednesday 8 December 2021

The English department are pleased to announce that they are running a day trip to central London on Wednesday 8 December 2021 to take part in an organised 'Jekyll and Hyde' themed walking tour of Leicester Square, Covent Garden, and Soho. These particular settings, as featured in the novel that students study for their GCSE in English Literature, will be complemented by tour guides and subject specialists who aim to bring the pages of this key text to life for students. The tour will help students' comprehension and understanding of the novel, as they experience the real life places that the characters inhabit.

Some key landmarks on the tour will be:

- The historic house of Dr John Hunter, considered the father of 'scientific surgery' and an inspiration for Dr Jekyll
- Possible side street locations in Soho where the murder of the character 'Sir Danvers Carew' took place (Chapter 4 of the novel)
- Victorian town houses that show the lives of the different classes that lived within
- The site of the most famous Victorian gallows, where criminals would meet their fate, and surgeons would gather to collect the bodies!
- ...and many more!

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your son/daughter to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your son or daughter, we may be able to offer assistance regarding the cost of this trip. If this is the case, your Parentpay account will automatically reflect this but please complete the consent, emergency contact information and medical details through Parentpay as usual. The same procedures regarding oversubscription for the trip will apply.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent forms accompanied by a payment of **£28.00 by Tuesday 30 November 2021**.

In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated you will be informed and any monies received will be returned.

Key information:

Departing: From Wildern School, via coach, at 7:30am. Please arrive at school at 7:15am and meet in the piazza. We are aiming to get into central London by 10am, and are aware that this journey can sometimes contain heavy traffic - so this is an early start.

Returning: We will be leaving London at 3pm, so aim to be back at Wildern School for approximately 6pm. Students will be advised to contact parents/carers once we are about 10 miles away from the school, so an accurate pick up time can be communicated.

Dress: Casual - warm winter clothes, perhaps a waterproof jacket and comfortable footwear as we will be on our feet and walking all day.

Things to bring: All students will require a packed lunch and a water bottle, or money to buy lunch (recommended to bring £10). If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them. Students can also bring money for souvenirs if they wish, though are discouraged from carrying larger amounts of cash and do so at their own risk. Mobile phone, headphones, a book will also be useful for the long coach journey.

Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team therefore reserve the right to refuse or withdraw a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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