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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Re: Year 7 - The National Theatre, London – Wednesday 6 December 2023

The Drama department is delighted to be able to invite your child to watch a brand new musical production of 'The Witches' at the National Theatre on Wednesday 6 December 2023. Year 7 students have been studying a scheme of work based on the literature of Roald Dahl in the Autumn term and this will be a wonderful opportunity to watch a theatrical representation of one of his classics.

*Everything you know about witches is wrong. Forget the pointy hats and broomsticks: they're the most dangerous creatures on earth. And now they've come up with their most evil plan yet!*

*The only thing standing in their way is Luke and his Gran. But he's ten and she's got a dodgy heart.*

*Time is short, danger is everywhere, and they've got just one chance to stop the witches from squalloping every stinking little child in England.*

*'The Witches' is a rip-roaring musical version of Roald Dahl's timeless tale, filled with wit, daring and heart. With book and lyrics by Olivier Award-winner Lucy Kirkwood, music and lyrics by Tony Award-nominee Dave Malloy, and directed by Lyndsey Turner.*

The details for the trip are outlined below:

- Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023
- Venue: The National Theatre, London
- Cost: £34.50
- Mode of transport: Coach
- Departure: 10.00am (students to attend P1 lessons then meet in the Dart centre foyer P2)
- Return: Approximately 6.30pm
- Dress code: School uniform

Students will be required to bring a coat, a packed lunch and a non-fizzy drink with them. They are also welcome to bring a small amount of money (we suggest a maximum of £10) to purchase refreshments and a programme should they wish to. If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them.

Students will be representing the school on this trip so the highest standards of behaviour will be expected. Students are required to wear school uniform.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your child 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](mailto:finance@wildern.org).

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your child, the cost of this trip will be covered. 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 child to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £34.50 by Monday 20 November 2023.**



**There are 57 places available.** 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, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

**Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.**

Yours sincerely

**Mrs H Duncombe**  
Director of Learning – Creative Arts