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Headteacher Mrs Rachel Kelly BA (Hons)

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: A West End Musical Trip, Wednesday 21 June 2023, The Theatre Royal (Drury Lane), London WC2B 5JF

I am excited to offer your child the opportunity to see a highly anticipated Disney West End musical: *FROZEN*. We have secured the opportunity for 47 Year 8 students to not only enjoy a matinee performance of the show, but a workshop with West End professionals prior to the performance. Year 8 students are currently studying Musical Theatre in their lessons and, undoubtedly, many have seen the animated version of the film. It is also a fantastic opportunity to experience the theatre and music industry, and learn about some of the career paths available.

Whilst we are unable to fund this trip for students, we have secured a heavily discounted price for tickets and the workshop with industry professionals. The cost for this trip will be £61.50 per student including workshop entry, ticket price for the performance and coach travel to and from the venue.

The option to confirm consent for your child's attendance is required and can be found as you make your payment via ParentPay. Payments, made as voluntary contributions, need to be made through your ParentPay account, **by Wednesday 31 May and there will be the option to make two instalments.** Should the cost of the trip prove financially difficult, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office to discuss financial assistance.

Please also note the following:

- All students will need to wear their SVCS PE tops, black leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers
- Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones for the journey to keep in contact with parent/carers regarding our return time, but they must be turned off during the workshop and performance, in line with the theatre's own regulations
- Any personal effects or valuables brought to school and taken on the trip remain the responsibility of students if they are lost, stolen or damaged
- Students will need to bring a packed lunch to eat before the show starts or order a packed lunch if they are eligible for FSM



- Students will need to bring appropriate drinks and snacks for the duration of the trip/journey (**no fizzy or energy drinks allowed**)
- If students wish to buy merchandise, a programme or snacks at the theatre, please note: the Theatre Royal only accepts card payment. Cash/coins are not accepted in the theatre

Please see below our proposed itinerary for this trip (full timings to be confirmed closer to the date):

- 07:00 – Report to Mrs Hutchinson in the main hall for trip registration
- 07:15 – Depart SVCS via coach and onward travel to destination
- 10:00 – Arrive at rehearsal studio in London (location tbc) for morning workshop
- 12:00 - Workshop ends. We will walk/return via coach to the theatre, and have lunch
- 14:00 – Show starts
- 16:15 – Show finishes
- 16:30 – Board the coach and depart for return journey to SVCS
- 19:30 – Arrive back at SVCS (approx subject to traffic). Students may text parents/carers with our estimated time of arrival

The usual high SVCS standards of behaviour are expected leading up to and on this trip, and any student who fails to meet these expectations risks being removed from the excursion and will be dealt with in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Should you have enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at:
dhutchinson@stourvalley.org

We look forward to a fantastic day and hope that your child will join us.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Hutchinson
Head of Music

