



**STOUR VALLEY**  
— COMMUNITY SCHOOL —

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited to offer your child the opportunity to see an award-winning performance of Wicked the musical at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London on Wednesday 18 June 2025. 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. The workshop will be held at Stour Valley the day before our trip to London on Tuesday 17 June, during the school day in the Activity Studio (schedule to be confirmed closer to the date).

Year 8 students will be studying Musical Theatre in their lessons and, may have seen the movie trailer for the upcoming film adaptation of Wicked. It is also a fantastic opportunity to experience the theatre, 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 £66 per student including workshop entry, ticket price for the performance and coach travel to and from the venue. Payments, made as voluntary contributions, are required via your ParentPay accounts by Friday 1 November - there will be the option to make two instalments, the second of which, should be made by Friday 27 December. Should the cost of the trip prove financially difficult, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office to discuss further.

Last year, the trip sold out within a matter of days and there was an extensive waiting list for students. **Therefore, please be advised that the payment of the first instalment via ParentPay, secures your child's place on the trip. After the trip has reached capacity, ParentPay will not enable you to make the payment for the first instalment and you will need to contact Mrs Hutchinson to be added to the waiting list for the trip.**

Please note the following:

- All students will need to bring their PE Kit to school on Tuesday 17 June, in order to change for their workshop. Normal school uniform is to be worn otherwise.
- Students will be allowed to wear their SVCS PE top and black jogging bottoms/leggings for the trip to London on Wednesday 18 June to watch the performance.
- Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones for the journey and keep in contact with parents and carers about return time, however, they must be turned off during the performance in line with the theatre's own rules.
- Any personal effects or valuables brought to school or on trips 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 Free School Meals



- Students will need to bring appropriate drinks and snacks for the duration of the trip/journey (**no fizzy or energy drinks allowed**)
- Students will need spending money if they wish to purchase merchandise, a programme or snacks at the theatre. Please note that if students wish to purchase merchandise, the Apollo Victoria Theatre only accepts card payment for merchandise and theatre snacks (cash is not accepted).

Below is our proposed itinerary for this trip (full timings to be confirmed closer to the date):

- 8:20am - students arrive to school at their usual time and attend AM registration, lesson 1 and 2
- 11am approx. - depart SVCS via coach for the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London
- 2:30pm - show starts
- 5:15pm - show finishes
- 5:30pm - board coach and return to SVCS
- 7:30pm - arrive back at SVCS (approx. subject to traffic) and students dismissed

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.

I really hope that you will support your child to attend this trip should this be of interest to them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me direct should you have an enquires regarding the trip and workshop at: [dhutchinson@stourvalley.org](mailto:dhutchinson@stourvalley.org)

Yours faithfully

Mrs Hutchinson  
Head of Music



Please complete and return to **Reception** by **Wednesday 1 November 2024**

Student Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

I give permission for my child to attend the trip to view Wicked the musical at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London and have made a payment of £66 via ParentPay. I also give permission for them to participate in the workshop at SVCS the day before, as detailed within the letter.

- I will be collecting my child from school upon their return on Wednesday 18 June at 7:30pm approx.
- I give permission for my child to make their own way home after the coach returns to SVCS on Wednesday 18 June

Parent/Carer Signature: ..... Date: .....

