
21st June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As a BTEC Music student your child is being invited to go and see the professional production of *Les Misérables*, which is currently on a national tour and is coming to the Theatre Royal in Newcastle. The trip will take place on Thursday 12th September 2019, leaving school at 1.00pm and returning at approximately 5.30pm. We will be travelling by executive coach to and from the Theatre Royal. The cost of the trip, which includes ticket and transport, is £31.00. The seats are in rows B and C of the stalls and are considered slightly restricted viewing due to the height of the stage. However we have been very lucky to have been offered cheaper tickets by the theatre as these tickets are normally priced at £47.50.

Students must be able to demonstrate exemplary behaviour and will be dressed in school uniform for the trip. They must understand that no talking, going to the toilet or eating will take place during the performance. All of this can take place beforehand or in the interval. Mobile phones must be left at home or switched off for the duration of the trip.

Les Misérables is one of the most popular musicals of all-time and has been running every night in the West End of London since 1985! It has also been translated into numerous different languages and is performed in many countries around the world.

Les Misérables was a novel written by French author Victor Hugo and was then written as a musical by composer Claude-Michel Schoenberg and lyricist Alan Boubil. It is set in early 19th century France and tells the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his desire for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his new life anew after a bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists attempt to overthrow the government at a street barricade.

The musical contains songs such as 'I Dreamed a Dream', 'Castle on a Cloud', 'Master of the House' and many more. It is my all-time favourite musical so I am excited to be able to offer this opportunity to Kingsmeadow students. It is highly recommended that your child read a synopsis of the story, or indeed watches the recent film or TV series that have been made of the same story.

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If you would like a place for your child on the trip, please return the consent form below, along with payment of £31.00 to reception or you can pay online via Ipay by Friday 5th July. However please note places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We only have 29 places available, so if your child's form/money is returned after the places have been allocated, unfortunately your money will be returned to you.

Yours faithfully

L Tindall

Miss L Tindall
Head of Creative Arts

Les Misérables Trip – Thursday 12th September 2019

I give consent for my child _____ (student name) to attend the Les Misérables performance at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle. I understand they will be transported to and from the theatre by coach.

☐ My child will be dismissed to make their own way home from school on return from the Theatre

Or

☐ My child will be collected from school on return from the Theatre

I enclose £31.00 payment ☐

I have paid online via Ipay ☐

(Please tick one box)

Emergency Contact Details:

Name	Relationship	Contact Number
1.....		
2.....		

Medical Details – please tick one box only

☐ No medical conditions known of but if this changes we will inform the school prior to the trip
OR

☐ Please state any medical conditions the above named student has and include any medication they may take currently: _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____