



10th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about an upcoming trip for our Yr 8 students to watch a performance of *Hamilton* at the Victoria Palace Theatre (London) on Thursday 9th February 2023 ([London - Hamilton Official Site – Hamilton Official Site \(hamiltonmusical.com\)](https://www.hamiltonmusical.com)). *Hamilton* is one of the most acclaimed modern musicals currently running on the West End (and Broadway) and we are in a very fortunate position to have been able to secure 100 tickets for this matinee performance. It is a musical that our Yr 8 students have been studying in their Music lessons this term, but it does have strong (and sensitive) themes and therefore I would recommend that you familiarise yourself with the plot prior to signing up for this trip.

Further Details:

- The total cost for your son/daughter to attend this trip is £46. This cost includes the ticket and transport.
- Please can your son/daughter be provided with a packed lunch to eat on the day, as well as some money for refreshments during the interval if they wish to purchase this (approximately £5 should cover this).
- Your son/daughter will be expected to attend school on Thursday 9th February as normal, attending registration at 8.30am and Period 1 at 8.55am.
- All students will then meet in the Music department at 10am prior to boarding the coach.
- The current plan is to board the coach at 10.30am, departing for London. Students will have a short period of time prior to the show to eat their packed lunch before entering the venue. The show commences at 2.30pm and should end by 5.30pm. We plan to board the coach shortly afterwards and depart from the theatre at 6pm. We anticipate we will arrive back to school at 8pm on the evening.
- Students will be expected to wear full school uniform on this trip.
- Seating is allocated in the venue. Toilets are accessible in the venue.
- Mr Newsome (as Subject Lead of Music) and/or the Senior Tutor are able to refuse your son/daughter permission to attend this trip (at short notice) should there be any concerns with behaviour or attendance at Ely College.

In order to secure a place for your son/daughter and consent to this trip, please can a payment be made via WisePay by Monday 17th October 2022. This can be made either as a full payment (£46), or as a split payment of £23.00 (with the second payment of £23.00 to be made by 1st January 2023). If your son/daughter is eligible for financial support, the Music department is able to offer a 50% contribution to the cost which should be visible on your WisePay profile.

If there are any unallocated spaces following the Monday 17th October deadline, this trip will be opened up to Yr 9 GCSE Music and Drama students.

At the beginning of January, I will write again to request all contact details and medical information in preparation for the trip.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the above opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Newsome
Subject Lead Music

