21st September 2018

Activities Week 2019 – London Theatre Trip

Dear parents/guardians,

It's the time of the year when staff are thinking of the activities they can organise for this year's activities week and I am once again organising two trips to London west end theatre.

This year's productions will be **9 to 5 The Musical (Wednesday 10th July)** and **Mamma Mia (Thursday 11th July)**. In order to secure seats at fantastic prices we have to book well in advance. Therefore, I am writing to all students to give them the opportunity to participate in this activity before the 'activities week' booklet is published. This year matinee performances seem to be popular for this week therefore we have only managed to secure a certain amount of tickets for each show and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

9 to 5 The Musical starring Louise Redknapp, Amber Davies, Natalie McQueen and Brian Conley, the smash-hit musical features a book by the iconic movie's original screenwriter Patricia Resnick and Oscar, Grammy and Tony award-nominated score by the Queen of Country herself, Dolly Parton. 9 to 5 The Musical tells the story or Doralee, Violet and Judy – three workmates pushed to boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss. Concocting a panto kidnap and turn the tables on their despicable supervisor, will the girls manage to reform their office – or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit? <u>https://9to5themusical.co.uk/</u>

Over 60 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make MAMMA MIA! the ultimate feel-good show! Writer Catherine Johnson's sunny, funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings 3 men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, and every night everyone's having the time of their lives!

The trip involves an early coach departure from school to arrive in London's Covent Garden for shopping and lunch around mid-morning. Please note that during this shopping time students will be able to shop in groups of four <u>without adult supervision</u>, however there will be plenty of staff in Covent Garden and students will be given a mobile phone contact number for emergencies. We will then travel to the theatre, for the matinee performance of the show. The shows last for approximately 2.5hours so we will then board the coach and return to school for approximately 8:45pm, exact details and timings will be given in a letter at a later date.

The cost of the trip is **£47** which I am sure you will agree is excellent value for money and this includes all travel and a ticket in the best available seats. To secure a place on the trip please complete and sign the slip below selecting the musical your son/daughter wishes to watch and pay a <u>non-refundable deposit of £20</u> (the remainder of the money should be paid along with the other activities booked for the week). It is recommended that you pay using our online system (please email Mrs Davis <u>sed@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk</u> should you need assistance to do this) alternatively you may also pay by cheque, made payable to Balcarras School.

I have been running such a trip for many years now and it is always very popular. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me <u>imc@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk</u>.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jeanette Corinaldi Head of Foley House	
Dear Mrs Corinaldi (please return slip and payment to Mrs Davis – Trips Co-ordinator by Friday 12th October 2018)	
I give permission for watch (please tick):	in tutor group to go to London during activities week to
9 to 5 The Musical (Wednesday)	Mamma Mia (Thursday)
I understand to secure a ticket I need to pay a £20 no	n-refundable deposit and I would like to pay using the following method:
Online payment of £20 made	Cheque enclosed for £20 (payable to Balcarras School)
Signed	Date