

27th September 2024

Dear all,

GCSE Music, Drama & Dance Theatre Trip – Wednesday 13th November 2024

Your child has the opportunity to go and see the matinee performance of “Here You Come Again”, prior to its launch in the West End. It is being performed at the Chichester Festival Theatre on Wednesday 13th November. This is the new Dolly Parton Musical that has been adapted for the UK. It is a lively and touching musical that tells the story of a diehard fan whose fantasy version of international icon Dolly Parton gets him through some trying times. With her wit, humour and charm, Dolly teaches him a lot about life, love and how to pull yourself up by your bootstraps. All of this to the well-known Dolly Parton songs such as Jolene, 9 to 5, Islands in the Stream and I Will Always Love You.

Your child will start the school day as normal. We will leave at 13:30 to walk to the Festival Theatre. Once the performance has finished your child will be dismissed from the Theatre to make their own way home. Permission for this is included on ParentPay.

The performance does contain some flashing lights.

Cost & Payment

If your child would like to take part in this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£10.50** to cover the cost of the theatre ticket.

Payment should be made on the school’s ParentPay system, where you can also give consent for your child to participate and be dismissed from the theatre. ParentPay will be open at **1830hrs on Friday 27th September** to the pupils of GCSE Dance, Music and Drama. At **1800hrs on 16th October 2024** the outstanding tickets will be offered to the rest of Year 10. ParentPay will close on Wednesday 30th October 2024. Late requests after this date will not be accepted. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for a ParentPay activation letter.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are made, then it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but you have difficulty with making the contribution. The finance team can be contacted on finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk

Items to Take

We would like everyone to come to school in their school uniform on the day, but they can bring non-school uniform clothing to change into just before leaving school. As we are walking, please ensure they bring suitable outer garments for the weather forecast for that day.

At the Festival Theatre there is an opportunity to buy ice cream during the interval costing **£3.50**. Please ensure they bring the correct amount if they do wish to buy one.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H Davis
Music Teacher