



15th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Cohort 8 visit to The Mercury Theatre Wednesday 28th February 2024 and Creative Careers Day Friday 1st March 2024

As part of our Enrichment programme, we are delighted to be able to offer an exciting experience for your child at The Mercury Theatre on Wednesday 28th February as part of our Spring Enrichment provision.

The Mercury Theatre have designed a bespoke day for our learners to enable them to explore the creative industry. They will take part in devising workshops, exploring the creative process; a Shakespeare workshop, a tour of the theatre with talks from the different departments, from production, lighting, business and marketing all led by industry professionals and finally they will be able to watch the technical rehearsal for "The Importance of Being Earnest" which is on that week at The Mercury. The day is designed to give a real insight into the creative careers industry.

The children will depart from school at 9:00am, and travel by school bus to Colchester. A short walk to The Mercury Theatre where they will then embark on the programme of workshops designed for them. They will then return from The Mercury at 2:45pm, back to school in time for the school buses. All learners should wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch with plenty to drink for the day. They will NOT require their iPads for the day and should be left at home.

The cost for this bespoke day including transport is **£21.00**. This covers the cost of the transport, and The Mercury Theatre charge. Payments can be made on ParentPay (preferred method and includes a 1.275% charge); please submit payment by Monday 29th January 2024. If any family is experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school at trips@honywoodschool.com

For information regarding our insurance cover for trips and visits, please follow the link to our website: <https://www.honywoodschool.com/page/?title=insurance&pid=135>

Additionally, on **Friday 1st March**, C8 will also take part in a Creative Careers day in school. They will not attend their normal learning sessions on this day in order to complete the work they are undertaking in LS5 during the second half of the Spring term. This is centred around the exploration of the Creative Arts industry. During the day, learners will work in teams to create a presentation based on the work they have been doing and will present to a panel of visiting judges from the Creative Industry. This project has been in collaboration with *The Royal Opera House Bridge*, an outreach programme designed to develop understanding of the arts' and help inform youngsters of the opportunities available in the industry. *There is no cost associated with this experience.*

We hope that your child has an enjoyable educational experience during our Spring Enrichment. Should you have any questions regarding the visit to The Mercury Theatre or the Creative Careers Day, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Frogley, Enrichment Leader, at the school.

Yours faithfully,

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