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31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

**Re: Drama Theatre Trips**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that we have managed to secure a number of theatre tickets for **two** fantastic shows!



The first show is **Hamilton** at Bradford Alhambra Theatre. The performance will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025** and will take place in the afternoon.

Students will be taken by coach to the theatre at approximately 12pm and will travel back to school by coach arriving at approximately 4.40pm. The cost of the ticket and coach transfer is **£17.50** per student. This is a fantastic opportunity to see this award-winning show which is touring for the first time. There will also be a Q&A session after the show with the cast.

*“Hamilton is the story of America's founding father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right hand man during the Revolutionary War and helped shape the very foundations of the America we know today. The score blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R & B and Broadway- the story of America then, as told by America now.”*

The second show is **War Horse** at **Leeds Grand theatre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Due to the amazing reputation of the production, there is a high demand for tickets and therefore we have been given a deadline for the payment of our tickets by March, otherwise we will lose the tickets. We will be travelling by coach from school at approximately 6.25pm to the theatre and then return to school by coach afterwards. We will confirm pick up times nearer the time but it will be approximately 10.30pm. Tickets will be charged at **£32.79** per student. This includes the theatre ticket and coach travel there and back.

*“The National Theatre's acclaimed production of War Horse returns in an all-new UK and Ireland tour. Based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, adapted by Nick Stafford, and directed by Tom Morris, this powerfully moving and imaginative drama takes audiences on an extraordinary journey from rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France. At its heart are astonishing life-sized horses by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage.”*

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We are opening both trips up to all students in Years 7 to 10. Securing a place on the trip will be dependent on payment deadlines being met, in addition to:

- Attendance being 95% or above
- An 85% ratio of positive behaviour points to 15% negative points

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite Year 11 students to attend these trips as **Hamilton** falls just before the GCSE Exams and students need to focus on their lesson. **War Horse** is showing in September when our current Year 11 students will have left BFA, so will be unable to attend.

If your child would like to attend any of these trips, please make payment on ParentPay **no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. Please note tickets will be awarded on a first come first served basis and **may sell out much sooner**. Tickets will only be confirmed once payment has been received on ParentPay.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs E Simpson*

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