

Dear Parent / Carer

Subject Year 9 Cabaret History Theatre Trip Wednesday 24 May 2023

The History Department is running a trip to the Playhouse Theatre to see the production of Cabaret. Students are currently learning about Germany and how the country went from a democracy to a dictatorship in the first half of the 20th Century. This trip will greatly enrich their understanding of the culture of Weimar Germany which they are currently studying as well as the rise of the Nazis.

Please read the description from the show's website: "Winning a record-breaking seven Olivier Awards including Best Musical Revival, this intimate and electrifying new production of CABARET is London's hottest ticket. Welcome to the Kit Kat Club. One of the most successful musicals of all time, this new West End production features the songs, Wilkommen, Don't Tell Mama, Mein Herr, Maybe This Time, Money and the title number Cabaret - with Berlin's famous Kit Kat Club brought to life through the transformation of London's Playhouse Theatre. This is Berlin. Relax, loosen up. Be yourself."

Please be assured that the recommended age for audience members is 13 however the show does have suggestive scenes as some of it is set in a Berlin nightclub. The performance is a matinee intended for schools but the content of the play has not been changed. There is a film version of the musical widely available that you can watch if you want to know the full content of the play.

We will be travelling to the theatre by tube therefore <u>students will need to bring either cash with them to buy a ticket</u>, or an oyster card with enough credit to make the <u>journey into London and back</u>. We will leave school towards the end of Period 3 at **12:10pm** and walk to **Hillingdon Station**. From there we will travel to Baker Street and change trains to then take the Bakerloo line to **Embankment Station**. The show finishes at 16:45pm therefore we will aim to be back at Hillingdon Station around **18:00pm** where students will be dismissed.

Students are required to wear school uniform as well as sensible footwear and to bring a waterproof coat. Students also need to bring a packed lunch and water with them.

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The total cost of the trip is £25. If you are experiencing financial hardship and this is likely to prevent your child attending, please contact me. The school has some funds available to facilitate student participation in these circumstances.

To secure your child's place on this trip the total amount of £25 is required by 12pm on Tuesday 2 May 2023. Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted. Please log onto the system (www.squidcard.com) and select the 'trips/activities purse'. This trip will be called 'History Cabaret (yr 22/23)' and must be specifically selected in order to make payment. Please follow the instructions on screen. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made. It is very important that payment is made before the stated deadline. The school does not have funds available to meet the cost of late contributions.

Vyners School has in place detailed procedures for ensuring that trips are well planned and that the health, welfare and safety of students is protected. A careful and written risk assessment has been prepared for this trip and adequate student supervision and insurance arrangements will be put in place.

It is expected that all students will observe the highest standard of politeness, courtesy and conduct at all times. Our students are representing Vyners School and it is expected that they will do everything in a way that reflects positively on themselves and the school. The School's Behaviour Policy continues to be in force throughout the trip. Should it prove necessary to send a student home for misbehaviour, parents / carers will be expected to meet all extra costs incurred. In the event of a student being refused participation on a trip before departure because of poor behaviour, any contributions already paid will also be forfeit.

If you have any questions regarding the above trip please contact me on msoley@vynersschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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