

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: *Hadestown*, Lyric Hammersmith London Thursday 15th February 7:30pm

As part of their Drama curriculum, Year 11, 12 & 13 Drama students have the opportunity to study Live Theatre and what a great opportunity it is to go to London to see an incredible and inspired musical about the intertwining mythic love stories. On **Thursday 15th February**, the Year 11, 12 & 13 drama students will witness this incredible show in London's West End.

HADESTOWN, the acclaimed Broadway musical phenomenon by singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell and director Rachel Chavkin makes its long-awaited West End premiere in February 2024 at the Lyric Theatre.

'An epic celebration of music, togetherness and hope' (Forbes) HADESTOWN is the winner of 8 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the Grammy Award® for Best Musical Theatre Album.

HADESTOWN takes you on an unforgettable journey to the underworld and back, intertwining two mythic love stories – that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone.

A deeply resonant and defiantly hopeful theatrical experience, HADESTOWN invites you to imagine how the world could be.

We will be travelling by coach leaving school at approximately **4pm**. Students will need to bring a packed dinner or purchase food at breaktime to eat before we set off to the theatre. Alternatively, they may have some time to purchase something near the theatre, but this is not guaranteed. Students will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian from school once the coach arrives back. Parents can give permission for their child to make their own way home from the theatre, via the off-site form. If you do not give permission, an adult will be expected to meet them at the school site. The show will finish at approximately 10pm so we will return to school at approximately 11pm.

The **total cost of this visit is £30** which includes the theatre ticket and the coach travel. This amount is payable via Wisepay, you will find it under the "Trips and Visits" section. We request that this amount is paid by **Monday 25th September**. Should you have any difficulties in accessing your account, or any concerns about making the payment due, please contact mcw@shsb.org.uk at your earliest convenience.

In order for your child to attend this visit you must complete the school's offsite visit form. This is available via the hyperlink below. Please ensure that this is completed by Monday 2nd October. <https://forms.office.com/e/3zECGEpkFQ>

More details on the show can be found here: <https://uk.hadestown.com/about/>

Finally, please review the school's code of conduct for offsite visits below:
<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1070>

Many thanks for your support of the arts!

Mrs A Frost
Subject Leader of Drama

