



31st January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 and 8 – Harry Potter Studio Tour Trip – Monday 13th May 2019

The Ongar Academy is delighted to announce that there will be a year 7 and 8 group trip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour, which has been moved to Monday 13th May 2019. After distributing our previous letter, we were made aware of the new attraction which will be available after the 6th April – Gringott's Wizarding Bank – and to make sure our students got the best experience on offer, we delayed our trip until the next available tour booking, after the opening of their biggest expansion to date.

The cost of the trip will also be reduced to £30.00 per student which will cover the costs of tickets and coach travel. Payment must be made by WisePay to secure your son/daughters place on this trip. If you have already made the payment of £35.00, we will be in touch with you shortly to either refund, or transfer the £5.00 difference.

Parents/Carers should be aware that the school reserves the right to cancel any visit, without liability of cost on the part of the school, should circumstances arise where in the view of the school, the health and safety of students or staff could be compromised. The school would be very reluctant to cancel any visit, but this consideration is paramount.

Students will need to be in school at the normal time on the morning of the trip as we are leaving by coach at 10:45am, for the 12:30pm tour. We should arrive back in school by approximately 5:30pm, but this will be confirmed at a later stage. In the event that the coach is delayed by more than 30 minutes, we will ask students to use their mobile phones to contact parents/carers.

Students will need to bring an appropriate packed lunch, drink and snack and wear their school uniform as they will be representing the school. We strongly advise students not to take personal possessions on school visits unless essential; if non-essential items are taken on school visits, these items should be covered by parent/carers' own insurance.

If your son/daughter would like to take part in this trip, please complete the attached medical consent form, ensuring that both sides are completed in full, and return to the school office by Friday 15th February 2019. Parents and carers should be aware that we cannot guarantee a place on this visit for any student who does not return their medical consent form. Submitting the consent form, without paying the £30.00 via WisePay before the deadline of Friday 15th February, will **not** guarantee your son/daughter's place on the trip. If there is a lower level of response to this visit than anticipated, parents and carers may be asked for an increased contribution, or the visit may be deemed non-viable and cancelled. If there is a higher response to this trips, then places will be drawn out of a hat so that everyone has a fair chance of being able to attend.

We hope that our students are as excited about this fantastic opportunity as we are!

Yours sincerely,
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