



11th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wicked - The Musical - The Apollo Theatre – Years 8 & 9 – 25th April 2019

I am delighted to be able to offer our Year 8 and 9 students the opportunity to attend a theatre trip to see Wicked – The Musical at the Apollo Theatre on the 25th April 2019. Students will leave The Ongar Academy at 4:30pm for a 7:00pm start. Students will return to school at approximately 11:00pm, traffic permitting.

Students will need to bring food and drink with them as this will not be provided at the theatre. If you would like to send your son/daughter with spending money, this is done so at your own risk.

As part of the GCSE Edexcel Music curriculum, all students must learn about musicals. To bridge the gap between KS3 and GCSE music, Year 9 students are currently learning about 'Musicals' as a Scheme of Work – this ties in with the opportunity to have a trip. Most notably, 'Defying Gravity' from Wicked is a set work that all GCSE students must study – as part of their listening paper (which is 40% overall GCSE grade).

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip, a payment of £41 will need to be made via Wisepay before the deadline of Friday 15th March 2019. You will also need to complete the medical consent form attached, ensuring that both sides of the form are completed in full and signed. Tickets are available on a first-come first-served basis and there are 29 tickets available. Failure to make payment and return the medical consent form by the date provided may result in your son/daughter being unable to take part in this trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Camillo
Standards & Progress Leader, Years 8 & 9
Associate Senior Leader