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ARTS AWARD

LONDON EXPO 24th – 26th OCTOBER 2023



Dear Parent,

As your son/daughter joins Ellesmere College they will have the option of being a part of Arts Award on Thursday afternoons. We spend time developing individual and team skills, focusing on creativity and leadership, and students have the opportunity to work towards their Arts Award, accredited by the Arts Council. Students learn how to develop existing skills or take on new challenges and the focus is on the journey. They are encouraged to reflect on their experiences and support one another on larger-scale projects.

For the October Expo, I have organised a three-day immersive arts experience in London – please see details below. The purpose is to experience professional theatre, explore galleries and gain a better understanding of how many different teams feed into profession productions. This is all about informing and inspiring our students. For the June Expo in 2024, the students will use their experiences and skills to mount Artsfest@Ellesmere leading workshops and providing unforgettable experiences to primary school students from around Ellesmere.

In order to sign up and take part in the October Expo to London, your son/daughter would need to be doing Arts Award as their activity option in the new academic year. As we are well into the planning process and there are only 40 places, I am writing to you so that your son/daughter could be part of this exciting trip. If you would be happy for your son/daughter to take part, please read on, fill in the attached slip and return this to me by 10th July.

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The following wording is from the letter to existing Arts Awards students sent out last week:

An important part of your son/daughter's experience in Arts Award is accessing professional productions, concerts and exhibitions in order to develop an understanding of the creative process. This feeds into their development as an artist in the broadest sense and informs their ability to create, share and pass on their knowledge as practitioners and arts leaders.

Following a really successful trip last year, I am delighted to write with details of this year's October Expo which will see Arts Award travelling to London for a fantastic three-day immersive arts experience. As a parent, I am always aware of the need to develop an itinerary which provides unforgettable experiences while also ensuring great value for money.

This year I have managed to include.... ***Tickets to four major West End productions and visits to the National Gallery, and Victoria & Albert Museum.*** There will also be time to explore how arts and culture shape the vibrant, historic city of London.

Itinerary

- Tickets to the **Lion King** at the Lyceum Theatre – one of the most beautifully crafted and costumed shows ever produced.



- Tickets to Stephen Schwartz's award-winning musical **Wicked** at one of the coolest theatres in London, the Art Deco Apollo Victoria Theatre. This award-winning musical based on the novel by Gregory Maguire is currently being turned into a film.



- Tickets to the critically acclaimed production of Shakespeare's comedy, **As You Like It** in the unique, immersive setting of the outdoor Globe Theatre.



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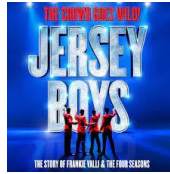
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- Tickets to **Jersey Boys**, based on the story of the iconic band, The Four Seasons.



- Hotel accommodation and breakfast at the YHA Earl's Court.
- Return transport from College to London.
- Evening meals on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Free time in Covent Garden.
- Visit to the **Victoria & Albert Museum**, taking in the huge Cast Courts, Fashion and Theatre Museum and Jewellery Collection.
- Visit to the **National Gallery** on Trafalgar Square.

I am sure that you will understand it is not possible to mount this trip on the Arts Award budget alone. Having had excellent feedback from students and parents on last year's trip, I have put this trip together to provide another fantastic and immersive London visit for this October.

As I need to move forward in paying for tickets, transport and accommodation – all of which are currently on hold - I am asking whether you could confirm and commit to your son/daughter taking part in this trip by Wednesday 5th July please. Some of the cost will come from Arts Award but there is an additional charge of £200 for this trip.

Please note, in taking part in this expo, your son/daughter would be committing to Arts Award as their Thursday activity for next year.

We will be organising and providing an alternative Arts Award Expo for those not involved in the London Trip and will send out details for this in due course. However, we do feel that the trip to London presents a wonderful and unforgettable opportunity that perfectly supports your child's journey through Arts Award.

Please fill out the reply slip below or scan and email me with your consent:

tony.coupe@ellesmere.com by 10th July. Please note, there is a maximum number of 40 places available for this trip. We will leave on the morning of Tuesday 24th October and return on Thursday 26th October around 9.30pm.

Many thanks,

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I would like my son/daughter _____ (name) in _____ (year/tutor group) to take part in the London Theatre Trip as part of Arts Award from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th October.

Please select and tick one of the following options and return to Tony Coupe by 10th July:

Please add **£200** to my next termly bill to cover the cost of the trip.

I have completed an electronic bank transfer for **£200** to cover the cost of the trip. Please mark it with the reference **AA London Expo**.

I enclose a cheque for **£200** to cover the cost of the trip. Cheques should be made payable to 'Ellesmere College' and the name of the student and 'Arts Award Expo to London' should be written on the back of the cheque.

Signed: _____ (parent) Date: _____

Methods of Payment:

Payment can be made by cheque or by using the following link for card payments:

<https://ellesmere.com/payment>

Account Name: Ellesmere College Ltd

Bank: Barclays

Sort Code: 20-32-48

Account Number: 10636258

IBAN: GB02 BARC 2032 4810 6362 58

SWIFT: BARCGB22

BANK REF: AALondonExpo

Once you have made payment, please email our Finance Secretary at

financesecretary@ellesmere.com

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