

29th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

KS3/4/5 Trip to see Matthew Bourne's 'Edward Scissorhands' -The Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

Thursday 14th March 2024 - 2.00pm matinee performance

We would like to give all students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of dance by attending a production of Matthew Bourne's 'Edward Scissorhands'. This is an amazing opportunity for any KS3/4/5 Dance students to broaden their knowledge and understanding of a key A Level Dance practitioner and we are so lucky that 'New Adventures' are visiting with another of their productions in Southampton.

Synopsis - Matthew Bourne's magical dance production of Edward Scissorhands has carved a place in the hearts of audiences world-wide since its premiere in 2005. Based on the classic Tim Burton movie and featuring the hauntingly beautiful music of Danny Elfman and Terry Davies, Bourne and his New Adventures Company return to this witty, bittersweet story of an incomplete boy left alone in a strange new world. In a castle high on a hill lives Edward; a boy created by an eccentric inventor. When his creator dies he is left alone and unfinished with only scissors for hands until a kindly townswoman invites him to live with her suburban family. Can Edward find his place in the well-meaning community which struggles to see past his curious appearance to the innocence and gentleness within.

We hope that as many students as possible will take up this exciting opportunity. However, as we only have 34 places available they will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Travel Information: students will be expected to leave their period 2 lesson at 10.55am prompt, ready for a 11.00am departure by coach. The matinee performance starts at 2.00pm and lasts approximately 2 hours, plus an interval. We expect to return to Budmouth at approximately 7.00pm. We will update students on the journey home so they can communicate with whoever is collecting them. Students may walk home from Budmouth, however, we will require written permission, in advance, for any students wishing to do this.

Students will not be required to wear their school uniform. However, as they will be representing Budmouth Academy they will be expected to adhere to our very high behaviour expectations.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them. Any student in receipt of Pupil Premium funding will have a packed lunch supplied to them. We will stop off on route to Southampton to eat these. Refreshments are also available at the Mayflower Theatre. However, as they are a cashless theatre, purchases should be made via students' own personal bank card.

The ticket price is £41.30 which covers the cost of coach travel and ticket. Please make payment via the ParentMail app by **Thursday 29th February**. To secure a place on the trip, you may pay for the ticket in two instalments with the first payment of £20.65 due on Friday 9th February, and the remaining £20.65 by Thursday 29th February. Once the first instalment has been paid, you will have committed to attending the trip and paying the full cost; we will be charged for all 34 tickets and therefore the money is non refundable. Financial assistance is available for Pupil Premium Students on a first come first served basis, however this is limited.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me: strott@budmouth-aspirations.org

Yours sincerely

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