

BMD/JJA

19 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

**HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD THEATRE TRIP – PALACE THEATRE
TUESDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2026**

We greatly value the dedication and effort demonstrated by the students here at The Gateway Academy. As a gesture of our appreciation, we have organised a special trip to reward this outstanding group of students with the support of Go Live Theatre Projects. I am thrilled to inform you that we have secured tickets for both parts of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child at the Palace Theatre, London on Tuesday 03 February 2026.

Students will travel by coach to the Palace Theatre, London. They should arrive at school at the normal time and attend Periods 1–3 as usual. At 10.15 am, students must meet in the Courtyard Café, ready for departure at 10:30 am.

The visit includes two performances. The first begins at 1:00 pm and lasts approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes, including a 20-minute interval. The second begins at 6:00 pm and lasts approximately 2 hours and 35 minutes, also including a 20-minute interval. Students should bring sufficient food and drink for the day, including a packed lunch and something to eat between performances. Lunch will be provided for students eligible for free school meals. During the break between the two shows, your child may bring money if they wish to purchase food at the McDonald's opposite the theatre, which we will be visiting.

We expect to return to The Gateway Academy at approximately 10:00 pm, traffic permitting. Students will be dismissed on arrival and parents / carers **must** arrange collection from the Academy. Students are required to wear full school uniform and are reminded that they are representing the Academy throughout the trip.

Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The total cost of the trip is £39.00, which includes coach travel and tickets for both performances, (please note that these tickets would normally cost over £100 each!). Payment should be made via ParentPay. Your child's participation will only be confirmed when the following google form has been completed and payment has been made <https://forms.gle/PeG6gw5LzP96gp5c9>. A Google account is not required, although the link may need to be opened in Google Chrome. Kindly ensure the Google Form is completed and submitted by **Wednesday 28 January 2026**. Students without a completed consent form will not be able to participate in this theatre visit. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on 01375 489000 or via email at becky.mead@theglc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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