



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

12th September 2017

Harry Potter Studio Tour – Media Studies Trip

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Media Studies department is arranging a trip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour in Watford on Thursday 14th December 2017. This will be hugely beneficial and interesting for new Year 10 GCSE Media students as they will get the chance to go behind-the-scenes and see many things the camera never showed: detailed sets, iconic costumes and breathtaking special effects.

As well as a tour of the studio, students will also attend a workshop on 'Camera Choices' which includes analysing a scene and understanding the reasons why the director chose to use different shots to communicate atmosphere, meaning and narrative. The workshop will also enable pupils to understand how to analyse moving image texts – a key skill for Media students.

The cost of the trip will be £44, which includes admission, the tour, the workshop and transport. We will leave school at 8.00am and will return at approximately 5pm. Students should bring a packed lunch as well as drinks for the journey (plastic bottles please rather than cans or glass). They will not need to wear uniform. They may bring a sensible amount of spending money, as there is a gift shop (though be warned, it is quite expensive!).

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please make payment online using ParentPay at www.parentpay.com. **Please note that the deadline for payment is Friday 6th October.** Please be aware that there are only 22 places available on this trip. If we do not achieve this uptake then the trip will not be cost effective and will be unable to run.

Please ensure whilst paying online for the trip on Parentpay that you complete the notes box with any relevant medical information and at least one emergency name and contact number. As always, poor behaviour in school may result in a pupil being removed from a trip and that will render payment non-refundable. Please be aware that if your child should withdraw from the trip for any reason and a replacement cannot be found, then the payment will be non-refundable. An exclusion from school will result in automatic removal and non-refundable payment.

If you have any questions about this visit, please contact Ms Urquhart in English / Media.

Yours sincerely,
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