



November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Trip to see *Hamilton* – Tuesday 1 April 2025

I have managed to book 60 tickets for the hugely successful musical *Hamilton* at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton. The tickets are top price, front stalls tickets. As part of the event, the company will be running a post-show Q&A as well as technical demonstration following the performance. This will be an exciting opportunity to explore some of the fantastic backstage departments and people that help bring the show to life!

Hamilton is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and helped shape the very foundations of the America we know today. The score blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B and Broadway – the story of America then, as told by America now. Touring the UK for the very first time, *Hamilton* is winner of 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical, 7 Olivier Awards, the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album

The cost for the whole trip will be **£18**. We have booked a coach to take us to and from the Mayflower, which will be leaving school around 12:00pm and returning to school afterwards. Parents will need to **ensure the collection** of their child from school at around 5:00pm. More details will follow regarding timings. **Unless we have direct consent from you before the trip, your child will not be able to walk home from school afterwards.**

Because of the nature of the musical with some adult themes and strong language, the trip will initially be open to pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11. The show is approximately 3 hours 20 minutes long, including the Q&A session afterwards. The show also contains strobe lighting, haze (CO₂) and flashing lights and confetti effects throughout. **Pupils will be expected in school the following day as normal.**

Hamilton is one of the most popular theatre shows, bridging together Music, Drama and History. This opportunity for the pupils to engage in such a trip will be one they won't forget.

If your child would like to attend, please log in to the Arbor app and provide your consent for your child to attend. If you are using a mobile phone to view the app, please turn your device to landscape and scroll to the bottom right of the page, select Trips and a new screen will show you the trip your child is being offered. Choose the trip and follow the details in order to provide consent. Online, via Arbor is our new method of payment and this has been set up for you to pay. The closing date is **Friday 13th December at 4pm**. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium (or has been entitled to Free



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School Meals in the last 6 years), financial support may be available. In the first instance, please contact our Finance team at finance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk for further information.

We take our responsibility for the safety and welfare of our students very seriously, especially during off-site activities. Prior to any trip, we carry out a thorough risk assessment and take all necessary measures to minimise risks, including arranging appropriate supervision by responsible adults. We expect all students participating in this activity to cooperate fully with these arrangements and to follow instructions from supervising adults throughout. Consequently, we reserve the right to decline a place on this trip for any student with previous behaviour concerns.

Yours sincerely

Lauren Rees
Trip Organiser