THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

RCS/LHS

02 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

RE and RSHE trip to Mayflower Theatre – Thursday 14 January 2027

Year 11 students have the exciting opportunity to see Mean Girls: The Musical at The Mayflower Theatre on Thursday 14 January 2027. Although not a statutory requirement, the visit will enrich students' understanding of RE and RSHE, exploring themes of friendship, peer pressure, bullying, identity, self-esteem and belonging.

Students who study GCSE Drama can also use this performance for their Live Theatre Review and write about it in their written exam in summer. If students would like to do this then we would encourage them to take a notepad and pen and record notes on the performance. Students should speak to their Drama teacher for further guidance regarding this.

The trip will give students the opportunity to experience live professional theatre and appreciate the creativity and teamwork involved in musical performance, from acting and singing to set design and technical production. It may also inspire an interest in the performing arts and other creative subjects. Most importantly, the visit will provide a shared experience outside the classroom, encouraging discussion and positive social interaction.

As we are now a Smartphone Free School, students **must not bring smartphones on day trips**. Students may bring one of the permitted brick phones we allow in school, stored in a bag, but should not be seen or heard during the trip. The trip staff will have access to a school/trip phone which students can use to contact home **in an emergency.**

As this is a local performance, students will need to arrange transport to and from the theatre. Please could we kindly request that you drop-off your child by 7.00pm and collect them promptly at 9.30pm. The pick-up and collection point will be at the rear of the Mayflower theatre on **Empire Lane (just off Blechynden Terrace)**. For information on parking and how to get to the theatre, please visit the theatre's website: https://www.mayflower.org.uk/your-visit/getting-here

This trip is considered an optional extra as it takes place mostly outside of school hours (less than 50% during school hours). In line with the school's charging policy, the full cost of the trip is £21.30.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please complete the Google Form and make payment **by no later than the end of the day on Sunday 29 November 2026.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via info@mountbatten.school.

Yours sincerely

Ms Collins
Head of RE