

October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Year 10 GCSE Dance/PE Trip:  
Richard Alston Dance Company – New Theatre, Oxford**

I am writing to propose an exciting opportunity for your daughter to see the National Theatre production of Richard Alston's company showcasing contemporary dance on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020** at the New Theatre, Oxford.

Sir Richard Alston CBE is a British choreographer. He has been resident choreographer and artistic director for the Ballet Rambert and is currently artistic director at The Place. With over 50 years of experience choreographing and numerous awards, his company are a primary example of fantastic contemporary dance and choreography.

This is an excellent extra-curricular opportunity for our GCSE Dance students, and GCSE PE who may be using dance as one of their sports, and will really benefit their study and practical application of the 'Dance Appreciation' component of the AQA GCSE Dance course.

The cost of this trip will be £22.00 to cover the theatre tickets, coach fare and administration. Unfortunately, this is non-refundable if your daughter decides to withdraw at a later date. We reserve the right to cancel this trip if we don't have a large enough uptake to make it viable. The deadline for payment is **9am on Friday 29th November**.

We will travel by coach to and from the theatre, leaving school at 5.30pm in order to see the 7.30pm performance. Students will meet in The Holt Cafe at 5.00pm. The performance will end at approximately 10.00pm and we will arrive back at school at approximately 11.45pm. Students should be collected from the main bus stop opposite St Pauls Church promptly at this time. Your daughter should bring a packed tea with her and eat before the trip departs, as there may not be time to obtain food once we have arrived at the theatre.

We have places for **40 students** to travel to the event. If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held to allocate places and a waiting list opened.

Payment for the trip needs to be made via WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account for details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail [n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk). In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager.

In cases of severe financial hardship please contact Mrs Martin, Assistant Headteacher, who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help or to discuss the situation

By paying for the trip you will be giving consent for your child to participate. However, if the school receives Pupil Premium funding for your child, then please give your consent here [Pupil Premium](#) and do not make a payment.

Yours sincerely,



Miss A Flintham  
Leader of GCSE Dance