

24th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 7 *Running Wild* Trip

The English department is delighted to inform you that we have been able to book 45 tickets for Year 7 students to enjoy an evening performance of *Michael Morpurgo's Running Wild* at the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, London. This is a great opportunity to watch a production live and to encourage a passion for the theatre.

For Will, going to Indonesia isn't just another holiday with mum. It's a new start, and the chance to ride an elephant called Oona. But then the tsunami hit.

Charging deep into the jungle, Oona escapes the beach with her young rider desperately clinging on. Miles from civilisation, at first there's wonder, discovery and tree-top adventures amongst the orang-utans. But, as thoughts turn to mum left behind on the beach, tigers prowl, hunger hits, and Will must now learn to survive the rainforest. Then come the hunters...

In a new adaptation by **Samuel Adamson**, **Michael Morpurgo's** novel is one "that you know from the start is going to break your heart" (Times).

With a cast of 40 directed by Artistic Director **Timothy Sheader** and original Chichester director **Dale Rooks**, and puppetry design and direction by **Finn Caldwell** and **Toby Olié**, both previous Associate Puppetry Directors on *War Horse*, this is the largest-scale production ever to be presented at the Open Air Theatre.

A story of love, loss, loyalty and of living for the moment.

More information can be found at: <https://openairtheatre.com/production/running-wild>

In line with the school charging policy the voluntary contribution for this trip is **£28.50**. This includes entry to the theatre, an ice cream which has to be pre-booked and paid for and the return coach journey. As with all trips if we receive insufficient contributions the trip may need to be cancelled.



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The trip is after school on **Thursday 9th June 2016**. We plan on leaving the school by **16:00** to arrive at the park by 18.00. This will allow students time to enjoy a picnic in the park before the performance. Please provide your child with a packed tea for this purpose. We are awaiting confirmation of the running time and will confirm in advance of the trip but we anticipate that we should arrive back at school at approximately **23:30pm**. **Please ensure that you have made arrangements to have your child collected from school as we cannot let them leave alone so late in the evening.**

We appreciate the late return of this trip; **however students are required to come into school normal time the following day.** Absence or late attendance due to tiredness will not be authorised.

Students may wish to bring additional money to purchase a light snack/drink at the theatre. This can be expensive and you might prefer to provide them with a snack to bring with them, however please avoid sweets with wrappers as live theatre requires sensitivity to noise levels. No food is to be consumed on the coach.

Whilst we have booked for summer time, it is an OPEN AIR theatre and students should bring a water proof jacket / umbrella etc in case of bad weather.

We very much hope that your child can join us on the trip as it is a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop a wide range of literacy skills required for English Literature. Please complete the **permission slip below** and **pay online via Wise Pay** (please see below) by **Friday, 18th, March** to secure a place.

Wisepay

Please make payment for the trip via Wisepay, <http://marriotts.herts.sch.uk/wisepay/> You will need your user name and password to log in. The trip will be listed under the picture of the coach. If you have any problems using WisePay or need a user name/password reminder please e-mail finance@marriotts.herts.sch.uk Please do not bring cash or cheques to school.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:
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Yours faithfully,



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Year 7 Trip to Running Wild at Regent's Park: Thursday 9th June 2016

Students Name: _____ **Form:** _____

- I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Running Wild
- I have a voluntary contribution of £28.50 for this trip via WisePay
- The emergency contact details and medical details the school holds for my child are up to date. *(If changes are required please detail below)*

Signature: _____ **Relationship to Student** _____



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