

20th September 2024

Year 7 Character Day – January 22nd 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Character Passport, we are excited to write to you about the first adventure for Year 7. Our Character Passport is a pledge from us to provide all students at Downlands the opportunity to attend a selection of visits during their time with us that will enable them to develop their own sense of self.

On January 22nd 2025, the whole school will be off-timetable participating in a range of activities and visits designed to build on their Character education. For Year 7, we are giving all students the opportunity to attend a West End Show in order to build their sense of optimism for the future. We have secured tickets for different West End Shows, below shows which tutor group will be attending which show. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer changes to this as I'm sure you can understand the logistics of this would be challenging. Furthermore, it will be a brilliant opportunity for each tutor group to continue bonding together.

We will write to you nearer the time with more details on timings, however please see a rough departure time below. Please note, students will not need to attend school in the morning, but will meet on the playground for their departure time. We expect to return to Hassocks Station between 7pm and 8pm.

Tutor Group	Show	Departure time from Downlands
7IL, 7JBR, 7DW & 7HM	Lion King	12:00
7DJ, 7MV, 7JM & 7RDH	Wicked	12:50

The total cost of this trip will be **£35 per child**, this includes the show ticket, train travel and all appropriate insurances. We will also be offering a different price for all pupil premium students, with the school subsidising 75% of the trip, the cost for these students will be £8.75. **We would love for all students to attend this trip so if your child is not pupil premium, but you would like to discuss the financial implications of this trip, please contact myself in confidence to discuss a discount on msmith@downlands.org.**

All students will be attending this trip and there will be limited provision in school for them. This will only be arranged by myself or Mrs Cornish (our SENCO).

To confirm your child's place on this trip, please pay the voluntary amount of £35 (or £8.75 for pupil premium students) by Friday 11th October 2024 via SCOPAY. Please note, making payment on SCOPAY counts as giving permission for your child to attend this trip.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself on msmith@downlands.org

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Smith

Trips & Character Passport Coordinator

