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Dear Parent / Carer

Matthew Bourne's New Adventures: Cinderella Theatre Royal Plymouth, Wednesday 18 November 2026

I am writing to invite your child to the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, on Wednesday 18 November, to watch the unique adaptation of Cinderella, performed by New Adventures.

This critically acclaimed dance theatre production offers a bold reimagining of the classic fairytale, set against the backdrop of wartime London during the Second World War. Through Matthew Bourne's distinctive choreographic style, the production explores themes of love, loss, hope and resilience, combining powerful storytelling with expressive movement and theatrical design.

The show carries a guidance age of 12+ and includes some challenging themes associated with war, including references to conflict, injury and emotional distress. While these themes are presented through dance theatre rather than explicit dialogue, they are central to the narrative and contribute to the emotional impact of the production.

This visit will provide students with valuable insight into professional dance performance, choreographic intention, characterisation and storytelling through movement. For Year 11 students in particular, the performance will directly support students' completion of Component 1 as this is their chosen professional work. Accessing the live performance and post-show talk will deepen their understanding of Matthew Bourne's choreographic style and the social, historical and artistic contexts that influence the work.

Payment and consent

To secure your child's place, please make payment and complete the consent form available on ParentPay by Monday 2 November at 3.00pm. The total cost of the trip is £15.00, with the Dance Department subsidising the remaining £5.00 per student. This deadline cannot be extended, as the theatre requires advance confirmation of final booking numbers. Please ensure payment and consent are completed by the stated deadline to secure your child's place.

Please do not let cost be a barrier to your child attending this trip. If further financial support would enable your child to participate, please contact me using the details below so that we can discuss how we may be able to help.

Travel arrangements

A minibus will depart from SDCC at 6:00pm and return at approximately 11pm. Please ensure that you have arranged to collect your child promptly at the end of the evening.

We hope your child can take advantage of this opportunity to experience world-class dance in a professional setting.

Please do contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Abi Slater

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