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Below are the names of the students who are this week's winners of the Headteacher's Award. They have received a Certificate and 100 Vivo points credited to their Vivo account:

Year 10: Matthew Harris (10G1)

Year 11: Jade Bone (11G2)

**Investors In Careers Award**

We are delighted to have been awarded the Investors in Careers award again, one of only two schools in the Borough who meet the national Quality in Careers Standard (QiCS).

In her report the assessor said 'The school is committed to maintaining quality in CEIAG (Careers Education Information and Guidance) and has held a quality award for many years. The school has continued to improve and develop CEIAG provision since the last IiC reassessment in 2012. There is a whole school approach and commitment to CEIAG and work-related learning. Raising aspirations is a key objective and the school's willingness to innovate and develop learning opportunities for students is exemplified by its partnerships with local employers and the continuing offer of one week's work experience to all students in year 10.'



Pictured is Heather Morris, our Careers Co-ordinator with Sandy Baars, Chair of Governors.

Performing Arts

ATG Work In

Theatre

Mural

Sky

Rewards@scheme

Thamesmead Plus

Fostering Drop-In

Inter-House

Competition

Key Dates:

Thursday 1st October

7pm

Yr8 Parent Information

Evening

Thursday 8th October

6.30-9pm

Open Evening for New

Students

School Closes at 12 Noon

Friday 9th October

Inset Day

Monday 26th – Friday

30th October

Parent Portal

All parents/carers should have access to INSIGHT; this is Thamesmead's Parent Portal. It can be accessed via the school website and provides you with 24/7 access to important information about your child. E.g. timetable, attendance, behaviour, progress data, exam timetables and GCSE exam entries. If you do not know your login details or password, please contact the main school office in the first instance.



PTA News

It was lovely to see so many new faces at the meeting last Wednesday and great to have you on board. Thank you for your support.

We are a great team and achieve great things when we pull together. It was inspiring to see so many parents wanting to help; sharing new ideas with great enthusiasm.

If you weren't able to attend the last meeting, there will be another opportunity at the AGM which takes place at Thamesmead in the Learning Centre, date to be advised.

We know you're busy parents, so here's some other ways in which you can help. Contact Nikki Jenkins for a list of dates to lend a hand. Offer a raffle prize, a skill, printing, photography etc. or sponsor an event. (nikkigjenkins@yahoo.co.uk or thamesmeadpta@hotmail.co.uk)

Our mission is all about "Giving something for nothing" - Creating lasting memories and opportunities for the children that they could not have without the PTA. We hope you think that's an idea worth supporting and we look forward to meeting you very soon!

Nikki Jenkins – PTA Chair

PTA 200 Club - Numbers available now!

Join the PTA 200 Club for your chance to win cash prizes in a monthly draw. Annually the top prizes are £200 and £75 (drawn every July) but you can also win monthly prizes of £25 and £15. The cost of entry for the year is only £15 per number and by entering you are helping the PTA raise funds for the school to provide equipment and improve facilities.

Further details are on the attachment with this newsletter, so please complete the form and return to the office with your entry fee. Good Luck!

Half Term

Friday 20th November
7pm

PTA Fashion Show

A full calendar of the
school holiday dates are
available on our website.

ATTACHMENTS:

School Calendar 2016-
2017

September's Student
Success

PTA Lotto Application
Form

PTA Lotto T&Cs

Fostering Drop-In

West End Creative
Learning

Creative Learning
Application Form

Colleges

Brooklands College, Weybridge campus open day is on Thursday 1st October, 5.30pm-8.00pm. www.brooklands.ac.uk

Brooklands College, Ashford campus open day is on Thursday 8th October, 5.30pm-8.00pm. www.brooklands.ac.uk

Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM) open day is on Sunday 4th October, 11.00am-3.00pm. www.acm.ac.uk

West Thames Isleworth Campus open evening is on Thursday 8th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm. www.west-thames.ac.uk

Richmond-Upon-Thames open evening is on Thursday 8th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm and Wednesday 14th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm. www.rutc.ac.uk

Kingston College open day is on Saturday 10th October, 10.00am-2.00pm. www.kingston-college.ac.uk

To register for this event please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-events-tickets-

Guildford College open evening is on Thursday 15th October, 5.30pm-8.00pm and on Tuesday 20th October, 5.30pm-8.00pm. www.guildford.ac.uk

Woking College open evening is on Thursday 15th October, 5.30pm-8.30pm. www.woking.ac.uk

Strode's College open evening is on Thursday 22nd October, 5.00pm-8.00pm. www.strodes.ac.uk

Work Experience

Check out this link for some great work experience opportunities for students aged 15+ <https://gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/search?keyword=sky>

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

The final totals for the week are:

Griffin - £62.51
Dragon - £79.95
Phoenix - £54.15
Centaur - £93.61

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



That gives a year group total of £290.22 which is a brilliant amount. Thank you so much for your help and support and to all the students who have helped - they have been amazing! Mr Reeves

Cycling To School

We have recently been alerted by school staff and local road users that some students who cycle to school are riding in a very dangerous manner. This has included doing wheelies on the roads, including the main roads. Students will be reported to the police by us and local road users if seen cycling in this way and those using their bicycles in a dangerous manner will not be allowed to bring them to school. We are promoting road safety in school amongst students and would appreciate parents addressing this at home too. We thank parents for their support.

Home-Start Spelthorne – Seeking Volunteers!

Can you spare a few hours a week to offer friendship and support to a local family? Home-Start Spelthorne is looking for parents and grandparents to become home-visiting volunteers. Volunteers offer families a listening ear, practical and emotional support. A volunteer is carefully matched with a family and will then visit them once a week for a few hours. Families are referred for a variety of reasons including isolation, relationship difficulties, mental and physical illness, multiple births and general parenting issues. Home-Start Spelthorne offers non-judgmental and flexible support. If you would like to find out more contact us on Tel no: 01784 463200, e-mail: home-startspelthorne@tiscali.co.uk or see our website: www.home-startspelthorne.org

Performing Arts



Huge congratulations to all those actors who gained a place in this year's school play 'At The Station'. Everybody who came along were just amazing. All actors who are in the cast for 'At the Station' should attend a casting meeting on Thursday 1st October 2.45pm – 3.45pm in the Jubilee Centre. Those in the chorus do not need to attend. Thank you! Miss Hall

If you didn't manage to gain a part this time and you would still like to help out the drama department, we need you to take part in our open evening on Thursday 8th October. Please see Miss Hall for a letter.



The Autumn Acoustic Concert will take place on Wednesday October 21st @ 6.30pm. If your son/daughter wishes to take part, please ask them to see Ms Armstrong a.s.a.p.

ATG Work In Theatre

West End Creative Learning

Inspiring passion in theatre

We are pleased to be able to tell you about some exciting West End courses that are coming up soon, including:

- o Our hugely successful **Work in Theatre course** – running **Easter and Summer 2016**
- o West End **Directing course**: three day Directing course during the Christmas holidays
- o West End **Performance Course**: a week long course this Autumn Half-Term
- o **Oresteia** at the Trafalgar Studios – exciting **show-specific workshop** offerings.

Please see the attached flyer for more information or visit www.atgcreativelearning.co.uk

Ellen Bott and Gina Abolins

West End Creative Learning Manager and **West End Creative Learning Assistant**



Mural

Over several sessions in the summer, Lewis Smith, Amelia Gomez and Jessica Cox worked on a mural at Littleton School, Shepperton. What an excellent piece of work! Well done! Mrs Long

Sky Rewards@scheme

Thamesmead has joined up to Sky Rewards@ scheme. Please pass any old sky equipment to the school office as we can gain points towards sports kits. It also means that this equipment is being recycled; saving the planet as well. For more information, please visit www.skykitrewards.com



After half term there is a BRAND NEW CLUB! An afterschool African Drumming Club taught by a specialist will run for 5 weeks on a Friday starting after half term on November 6th.

Time: Fridays @ 2.40 – 3.15pm

Place: MR1 in the music block

Cost: £25 in total for 5 weekly workshops.

Places are limited so hurry and sign up pp.stix@me.com or see Ms Armstrong or Mr Lever.

Fostering Drop-In

Surrey County Council's fostering service will have an information stand in the main reception area of Spelthorne Borough Council's Knowle Green offices on **14 October 2015**. Please follow the link to their flyer, please encourage anyone who may be interested to attend.

Inter-House Competition

Year 9 and 10 played their Benchball matches last week and the results were:

1st Centaur

2nd Griffin

3rd Dragon and Phoenix.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the staff who helped out. Mr Lever

25th September 2015

Celebrating Student Success
September Edition

At the end of last term, Tom Callan attended the Feva Sailing World Championships 2015. They had a fantastic week and easily reached their goal of making the gold fleet. Overall they finished 40th out of 162 boats. Well done Tom and good luck for the coming year.

Over this summer holiday, Elle Sayer achieved her first West End credit by performing in 'Annie Jr The Musical' at The Arts Theatre in London's Leicester Square.

Elle played the lead role of 'Lilly St Regis', of whom she has played in several more local theatres over the last year, such as Hampton Hill Playhouse, The Electric Theatre Guildford, The Beck Theatre and The Kenton Theatre Henley. This showcase has received many 4 star reviews.

Elle has had a long career in theatre, having performed solidly over the last 10 years. She has been lucky and talented enough to perform in many theatres across the South East and her most recent big credit has been the performances at 'The Minack Theatre' in Cornwall, which she has performed at annually for the last 3 years and will be again next year. Well done Elle!

Thamesmead School School Term and Holiday Dates 2016/2017

September						
Monday		5	12	19	26	
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	3	10	17	24		
Sunday	4	11	18	25		

October						
Monday		3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	
Friday		7	14	21	28	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	

November						
Monday		7	14	21	28	
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	
Thursday	3	10	17	24		
Friday	4	11	18	25		
Saturday	5	12	19	26		
Sunday	6	13	20	27		

December						
Monday		5	12	19	26	
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31	
Sunday	4	11	18	25		

January						
Monday		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	
Friday		6	13	20	27	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	

February						
Monday		6	13	20	27	
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22		
Thursday	2	9	16	23		
Friday	3	10	17	24		
Saturday	4	11	18	25		
Sunday	5	12	19	26		

March						
Monday		6	13	20	27	
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	
Saturday	4	11	18	25		
Sunday	5	12	19	26		

April						
Monday		3	10	17	24	
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	
Friday		7	14	21	28	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	

May						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		
Friday	5	12	19	26		
Saturday	6	13	20	27		
Sunday	7	14	21	28		

June						
Monday		5	12	19	26	
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	3	10	17	24		
Sunday	4	11	18	25		

July						
Monday		3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	
Friday		7	14	21	28	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	

August						
Monday		7	14	21	28	
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	
Friday	4	11	18	25		
Saturday	5	12	19	26		
Sunday	6	13	20	27		

Bank and Public Holidays 2016 / 2017

Christmas Day	Sunday 25th December	Good Friday	Friday 14th April
Boxing Day	Monday 26th December	Easter Monday	Monday 17th April
Christmas Lie Day	Tuesday 27th December	May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
New Year's Day	Friday 1st January	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29th May
New Year's Lie Day	Monday 2nd January	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 28th August

Key

Inset	
Start of Term	
End of Term	
School Holiday	
Public Holiday	



200 Club – Lucky Lotto

Frequently asked questions

Q1 = How does it work?

- Each month the subscription total we receive will be split 60:40 between the prize fund and Thamesmead PTA funds.
- You will be allocated one number, per subscription, for the duration of your membership to the Club 200 Lucky Lotto.

Q2 = What are the prizes?

Regular Monthly 1st Prize – £25

Regular Monthly 2nd Prize – £15

The July Grand Draw prizes will be: 1st Prize £200 and 2nd Prize £75

Q3 = How do I join the 200 Club Lucky Lotto?

- Pay **£15** for a year's membership, this includes 10 regular monthly draws – September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June, plus July Grand Draw Jackpot*.
- ** July is the Jackpot Grand draw where the winner is guaranteed a jackpot of £200 and 2nd prize £75*
- Please pay £15 for every number entry you would like - i.e. £30 for 2 numbers in every draw, £45 for 3 numbers in every draw and so on.
- Complete the form here and return in a named sealed envelope with your subscription via your child at registration time or direct to the school office.

Thank You & Good Luck!

Any questions – please email us on: thamesmeadpta@hotmail.co.uk



200 Club - Lucky Lotto TERMS & CONDITIONS

Overview

The “200 Club - Lucky Lotto” helps raise funds for the Thamesmead PTA to benefit all the pupils at Thamesmead School. The 200 Club gives 40% of its takings directly into PTA funds to spend on things such as text books, departmental equipment as requested by staff and voted on by members of the PTA attending our meetings.

A single payment of £15 for one year's membership gives you one chance (allocated number) in monthly draws with a Jackpot Draw in July worth £200 to the winner!

A person over the age of 18 may purchase as many £15 “subscriptions” as they would like. Payments for subscriptions can be made by cash or cheque (made payable to Thamesmead PTA 200 Club) or Standing Order.

The draw will take place on the first Friday of each month (or the next Friday if over a school holiday or inset day). Winners will be notified by email and names will be published on the School website and in the next available Thamesmead Talk e-newsletter. The prizes are provided in the form of a cheque and will be sent home with the child named on your application form.

Participants must be parents, guardians, school or Blue Leisure staff or governors.

This update of the 200 Club Lucky Lotto will take affect from 2nd February 2015 and the 200 Club will be reviewed again during January 2016.

Take the plunge, complete the form NOW!

Terms and Conditions

1. The 200 Club exists to raise funds for Thamesmead School.
2. The 200 Club is open to parents, guardians, governors, school staff or Blue Leisure and governors over the age of 18 who has filled in an application form.
3. The Club has a limit of 200 members at any one time. If more wish to join, a waiting list will be established and new members will be admitted to the 200 Club strictly in the order they joined the waiting list as vacancies occur.
4. Members of the Lotto are allocated a number at a cost of £15 per one year subscription. Each member can choose to have more than one entry, at an additional cost of £15 per number, per year.
5. The annual subscription to the 200 Club shall be fifteen (£15.00) payable by cash, cheque or standing order.
6. The draws shall be held in the months of September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June, plus July Grand Draw Jackpot*.
7. During the school year, there are 10 regular monthly draws (September to June) of 1st prize £25 and 2nd prize £15 and then in July there is a guaranteed winners jackpot prize of £200 and a second prize of £75.
8. Prize Winnings will be sent home in the form of a cheque via the Thamesmead pupil/contact name on your application form as soon as possible after the draw.
9. Winning numbers will be available via the schools website PTA page and shall be available from the organiser, on request.
10. It is the responsibility of the member to advise the organiser of any change of address, email or other relevant contact information.
11. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be placed into PTA funds after 6 months.
12. A member will be deemed to have left the club and will not be entered into any draw if their annual subscription has not been received, after our renewal notices. The organiser reserves the right to reallocate any number where payment has not been received.
13. Registers will be kept recording the name, address and email of each member, the number(s) allocated to them and the entries received from them.
14. Any surplus from the 200 Club will be used by Thamesmead PTA for the benefit of the school.
15. The more people who buy a 200 Club Lucky Lotto entry, the more money raised for pupils resources!
16. The decision of the PTA committee shall be final and binding in any dispute between a member and the organiser.
17. The 200 Club is run as a small society lottery in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
18. Application for membership shall be deemed as acceptance of the 200 Club rules.
19. The PTA committee may amend the rules of the 200 Club at any time. Members will be informed of changes by letter or email.
20. These rules were approved by the Thamesmead Parent Teacher's Association.

Promoters: Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 9EE

Organiser: PTA 200 Club, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 9EE



200 Club - Lucky Lotto APPLICATION FORM

Welcome to our 200 Club – a great way for you to support our school whilst having a bit of a flutter!

Name: (to which cheque will be made out to should you win) (Applicants must be over 18)

Address: (to which winnings will be sent should you win)

_____ **Post Code:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____ **Child's Tutor Group:** _____

Number of numbers required _____ **at £15 per number per year**

Payment - I wish to pay by Cash Cheque* Standing Order**

** Please make cheques payable to "Thamesmead PTA 200 Club" ** Please fill out the Standing Order Mandate form*

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please ensure you fill in all of your details or we cannot allocate you a number(s).

By signing this form, you are declaring that you have received and accept the Terms and Conditions of 200 Club Lucky Lotto. If you wish to cancel you should inform Thamesmead PTA 200 Club.

60% of the funds will be used for the Lucky Lotto prize fund, 40% of annual subscriptions will go to the Thamesmead PTA Fund for school donations.

We will send you a renewal notice on the anniversary of your Membership. If you do not respond after your second and final reminder then your number will be reallocated and your membership will cease.

Please return this form to Thamesmead PTA 200 Club via the school office together with your Standing Order Mandate, Cheque or Cash. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GOOD LUCK!

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

YOUR DETAILS:

Full Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

TO:

Your Bank Name _____

Bank Address _____

Postcode _____

Your Account Name _____ Bank Sort Code _____

Your Account No. _____

PLEASE PAY**Recipient's name**

Thamesmead Parent Teachers Association 200 Club Lottery Account

Recipient's bank and branch nameNatWest Bank, Shepperton Branch,
12 High Street, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 9EE**Recipient's Sort Code No.**

54-41-51

Recipient's Account No.

46339205

Date of first regular payment

___/___/___ (dd/mm/yy)

Amount & frequency thereafter of Standing Order (please tick one)

[] £1.25 Monthly or [] £15 Annually until further notice is given by you to your bank.

Payment Reference (Initial & Surname) _____**Signature** _____**Date** _____

**Please do not send this form to your own bank.
Please send it to Thamesmead PTA 200 Club via the school office.**

Work in Theatre - Easter and Summer 2016 application form

> About you

Your name:

Contact telephone number (mobile and home if available):

Contact email:

Your address:

Postcode:

Date of birth (optional)

Date	Month	Year

NB: If less than 18 years old at 1st January 2016 please also complete the parental consent element at the end of this form.



> Your health

Do you have a health or behavioural condition or are you taking any medication that could reasonably affect your ability to carry out work with the Ambassador Theatre Group?

Yes / No (please select)

(If you answer yes to the above question, you will not necessarily be refused a placement, but you will be asked to consent to provide further information.)

Please list below any medication that you take on a regular basis (we have a duty of care to all participants and need to be entirely informed of any medication being taken).

> Confidentiality

In the course of your work at the Ambassador Theatre Group ("ATG") you may receive or have access to confidential or sensitive information. This information may include, but is not limited to, contact details and terms of engagement for actors, producers, creative team members and members of staff, sales and attendance figures, venue or production information, database information and information relating to ATG's operations, plans or intentions, know how, rights, trade secrets, market opportunities and business and financial affairs.

It is a condition of your time participating in the Ambassador Theatre Group West End Work In Theatre course that, during and after your time with us, you agree to keep all such information strictly confidential and not to disclose any such information to any person nor remove such information or any copies, in any form, from ATG's premises or systems.

Please confirm your agreement to the above by signing below.

I confirm my agreement to the above

Signed: _____

Date: _____

> Your application

Please use this page to tell us about yourself.

Why have you chosen to apply for a place on the ATG Work in Theatre course?

Which area(s) of theatre are you particularly interested in?

Why should we choose you to take part in the course?

Have you participated in any Ambassador Theatre Group workshops or courses previously (please list)?

> Emergency contact details

Please enter the name details of someone we can contact in case of emergency.

Name:

Relationship to applicant:

Telephone number:

> Costs and payment details

The cost of the Easter 2016 Work in Theatre course is £100 per participant.

The cost of the Summer 2016 Work in Theatre course is £125 per participant.

If you are successful in your application you will be sent confirmation details of the schedule for the week (including details of which theatre you'll be working in) and you will be asked to make payment online or by cheque. Participants will need to pay for the course at least two weeks in advance.

If you would like to apply for one of our funded places, please contact **Ellen Bott** West End Creative Learning Manager for details ellenbott@theambassadors.com.

Participants will not need to pay for tickets for shows they see during the course.

> Which course(s) would you like to attend

Please tick appropriate dates for the course(s) date you would be available to attend:

28th – 31st March 2016

5th – 7th April 2016

8th – 12th August 2016

15th – 19th August 2016

> Data Protection

The information provided above will be held securely on our databases and in hard copy form so that we can administer this application. Information may be sent to relevant departmental representatives and potential supervisors.

You/your relative's contact details will remain strictly confidential.

I consent to the information given above being held and used in this way, and I confirm that it is true, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature – Applicant	Date

Signature – Parent/Guardian	Date

> Parental consent

Parent/Guardian:

Contact telephone number (day/evening):

Contact email:

Address:

Postcode:

Family doctor and telephone number:

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions/allergies? Include details of any current medication to be administered.

Is your child allergic to any medication?

Has your son/daughter received a tetanus injection in the last five years?

Yes / No (please select)

Parental consent continued (please read carefully)

- a) I agree to my son/ daughter taking part in the activities of the ATG West End Work in Theatre Course 2016.
- b) I confirm to the best of my knowledge that my son/ daughter does not suffer from any medical condition other than those listed above.
- c) I consent to my son/daughter taking responsibility for themselves both travelling to and from the Ambassador Theatre Group West End Work in Theatre course 2016 and during any breaks/lunch breaks etc.
- d) I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.
- e) I understand that The Ambassador Theatre Group accept no responsibility for loss, damage or injury caused by or during attendance on any of the organised activities except where such loss, damage or injury can be shown to result directly from the negligence of The Ambassador Theatre Group.

Signed _____ (Parent/ Guardian) Date: _____



West End Creative Learning

Inspiring passion in theatre

> Photography permission form

As part of our communications activity, the Creative Learning team at the Ambassador Theatre Group occasionally uses photography and videography for publicity purposes.

We would like your permission to photograph/film you/your relative for possible inclusion in our publications, website and other publicity material.

The image(s) will remain the property of the Ambassador Theatre Group and will be used for the designated purpose of promoting the Ambassador Theatre Group's aims in relation to Creative Learning.

It may also be included in the central Ambassador Theatre Group image library for use by other employees of the Ambassador Theatre Group.

You/your relative's contact details will remain strictly confidential.

Name:

Date of birth:

Name of parent/guardian (if under 18):

I permit the Ambassador Theatre Group to use photographs of me/my relative in Ambassador Theatre Group publications and publicity material, and for inclusion in the central Ambassador Theatre Group image library.

Signed* _____ **Date:** _____

*Must be signed by parent/guardian if individual is under 18 years old on 1st January 2016.

West End Creative Learning

Inspiring passion in theatre

ATG Work in Theatre Course

Our 12 West End Theatres run a joint Work In Theatre Course offering four days during the Easter holiday, and a week during the Summer holiday. Please be aware that this is not just Work Experience as you might expect it. Rather than sit you in a quiet office and give you the joys of stuffing envelopes, ATG has created this course specifically for those of you interested in an 'off stage' career in Theatre. During each course you will spend 2 (Easter)/3 (Summer) days within one of our West End Theatres gaining hands on experience in areas such as Front of House, Box Office, Theatre Management, Backstage, some Lighting and Sound. The remaining days will be filled with workshops such as 'being a West End Producer', 'Theatre Marketing' and 'Theatre Programming'. The intention is to give you a broad understanding of the mechanisms of West End Theatre, the roles available within the industry and a taster of the reality of the roles in order for you to fully understand what goes on behind a production.

The next Work in Theatre course will take place in London's West End on the following dates:

Easter Holidays: 28th-31st March 2016 or 5th-8th April 2016 – the cost of the Easter course is £100 (there are subsidised places available).

Summer Holidays: 8th-12th August 2016 or 15th-19th August 2016 – the cost of the Summer course is £125 (there are subsidised places available).

We are opening applications first to those who have expressed an interest in or attended one of ATG West End Creative Learning's courses before; please find attached the application form for the course. More details can be found on the [website](#), but the application can only be found in this email until applications open fully next week. Please fill out the application form, state your desired date of workshop and send back to us. We look forward to hearing from you!

"I absolutely loved my 2 weeks with ATG and cannot thank you enough for organising it all and helping us all, it was fantastic. Thanks so much for the entire course, undoubtedly the best 2 weeks of my life" Participant Work In Theatre Summer 2015

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ATG West End Directing Course

Our Directing course offers budding directors the opportunity to work with West End Directors and actors to learn new skills, get hands on experience, as well as seeing professionals at work in our venues.

Our upcoming Directing course is taking place on the **21st-23rd December 2015, 10.30am-4.30pm** and costs only £125 (there are subsidised places on this course).

"Last year Ellen Bott invited me to lead a segment of her ATG West End Directing Course. The twenty or so participants joined us at Trafalgar Studios to explore a couple of Pinter scenes, with the help of two highly capable 3rd Year Actors from the Central School. We had a terrific day. The participants were sharp and keen, and several have kept in touch with exciting news of their progress and development. Under the protection of Ellen's West End programme the course has just the right combination of support and challenge, coming at the perfect moment to help young Directors to grow in confidence and find their unique voices and tastes.

If invited I'd definitely jump at the chance to do another day."

Harry Burton, West End Director



[Visit our website](#) to download an application form or for more details about the subsidised places.

ATG West End Performance Course

Our Performance Courses offer a unique opportunity to work with a West End Director and Musical Director to devise a piece of theatre, participate in acting and music workshops to hone performance skills and culminates in an exciting opportunity to perform the final piece on a West End stage to an invited audience.

Our next Performance course is on the **26th - 30th Oct 2015 – 10:30am-4.30pm** and costs only £200 (there are subsidised places available). If you have students that you feel might benefit from and enjoy working with us in the West End please have them complete an [application form](#) (found on our website) and send it to us.

"I loved the staff, I loved the topic and the professional staff – most courses like this make the focus being about making friends and having fun, here the main focus was the performance, friends and fun came with that. It was great working in a proper West End Theatre!"



Oresteia

We have created a show-specific workshop for this production, looking into the themes of the play and Greek Tragedy as a whole.



We'll be taking an in-depth look into the themes of Oresteia, covering the great question; which model of justice works better - vengeance or litigation? Spanning the history of Greek Tragedy and looking also at this acclaimed production as an example, these workshops will explore the relevance of the story of Oresteia to a modern day audience.

[Contact ellenbott@theambassadors.com](mailto:ellenbott@theambassadors.com) for **more details** or to **book places on one of the workshops**. You can also visit our [website](#) for more details.

Tots in the West End

West End Creative Learning present Tots in the West End - a chance to bring your little ones into a West End venue to learn rhymes songs, enjoy craft activities and work with a professional West End Director to perform a short piece of theatre based on a hugely successful children's book.

One hot summer in Itching Down, Four million wasps flew into town!



This half term, join Actress, Director and award-winning storyteller Amy Phillips in a 3-day drama event exploring the beloved children's book: The Giant Jam Sandwich by John Vernon Lord & Janet Burroway.

Through craft, drama, games, song and rhyme help the folk of Itching Down as they create a giant jam sandwich to save their town. Culminates in a free performance for invited guests on a West End stage! Free book for every child!

Suitable for 5-8 year olds: **Monday 26th October – Weds 28th October, 10:00am – 1:15pm**
The cost of this course (for all three days, we cannot offer individual days) is £110.00 (sibling discount is available). Price includes all craft materials and a **free copy** of the book The Giant Jam sandwich for every child. Places are limited so please [contact me](#) for more details and to book on the course.



COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A CHILD'S LIFE?



Wednesday 14 October 11am-2pm

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