

January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that our dance group has been entered into a dance competition taking place on 12th March 2026 at the Albert Hall in Nottingham. This is a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to showcase their hard work and enjoy a full day of performance and teamwork. Pupils will be out of school for the entire day.

Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch, an evening packed lunch, plenty of water, and snacks to keep them going throughout what will be a long and exciting day. Please note that if your child is entitled to free school meals, then a packed lunch will be provided for them, however food for the evening and extra water and snacks will need to be provided by yourself. School staff will be transporting the pupils to the venue in the morning. However, we kindly ask for your support in arranging transport **to collect them after the event**. The expected finish time is 8:30pm. Some pupils have discussed car sharing however this is something you will have to arrange and let us know how they are being collected below.

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend and watch the competition from the audience, please book your tickets directly following this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1980678214859?aff=oddtcreator>

While this is a fantastic experience for the children, please note that **participation is optional**, and there is no obligation for your child to take part if they do not wish to.

If you agree to your child taking part in this event, please provide your consent via the Trips section on Arbor and complete the form linked in the message to let us know how your child will be making their way home. I would be grateful if all consent and forms could be submitted by **Monday 2nd February 2026**. Please note that pupils will not be able to attend the competition unless all required forms have been completed correctly.

During rehearsals and the performance, photographs may be taken for use on the school website and social media. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed, please contact me via email at sally.chapman@heathlaneacademy.org.uk. Please keep this letter for your own records.

In addition, your child will be required to purchase a black leotard and black dance skirt as discussed in rehearsal, we are doing our utmost to keep these costs to a minimum. Please do let us know if you need our support in purchasing these.

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Please congratulate your child on their attitude to learning, contribution to the Academy and their success in being invited to be part of the competition.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or via email and I will endeavor to answer your queries as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Chapman
Subject Lead for Performing Arts

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