



18th April 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

BBL & WBBL Playoffs, The O2 Stadium Sunday 19th May 2024

I hope your child has enjoyed PE and school sports so far this academic year. As the department's vision for PE is 'To prepare students for life, through positive and meaningful experiences', we want to give our students as many opportunities as possible.

As a result of their superb behaviour and achievements within their PE lessons, extra-curricular clubs and events, the PE department has selected your child to have first reserve on a ticket to the British Basketball League Playoffs at The O2 Stadium on Sunday 19th May.

The total cost of the trip including travel and match tickets is £63. If you are happy for your child to attend this event, please make payment via ParentMail by Friday 10th May 2024. You will also shortly receive a Trip / Medical Consent Form via email from a company called Evolve (please check your spam folder in case it is delivered there); please ensure this is completed and submitted also by Friday 10th May. Your child will not be able to take part in this trip if we have not received this consent form and/or payment in full.

The itinerary for the day is as follows:

10:00	Departure from school
12:00	Arrival at The O2
12:00 – 13:00	Shop and eat within The O2 (students will need spending money)
13:15	WBBL Women's play off final starts
16:15	BBL Men's play off final starts
18:30	Departure from The O2
20:30	Approximate arrival back to The Buckingham School

The O2 is a cashless venue. All bars, restaurants, kiosks, programme/merchandise sellers and retail outlets inside and outside the venue accept card payment only. Please ensure that students bring along a form of contactless payment, either by card or phone if they wish to purchase food/drink/merchandise at the game. However, the O2 have agreed to allow school groups to bring in a packed lunch on the day of the event.

Further information can be found via this link:

<https://help.theo2.co.uk/hc/en-gb/articles/5205545940509-Why-is-The-O2-arena-going-cashless->.

Students are also welcome to bring their own food and drink to consume on the bus, but are reminded that they must take all rubbish and dispose of it appropriately.

Important information from the O2:

Bag Policy

- *Please consider whether you need to bring a bag to The O2. They do not allow large bags into the arena for security reasons.*
- *Small bags are classed as no larger than A4 size or standard handbags. Backpacks, travel cases, laptop bags and large tote bags are NOT permitted inside the arena. One bag is allowed per person.*
- *The teacher is also permitted to carry essential items for pupils in a bag that doesn't exceed A3 size. On entry, venue security will still carry out bag checks and any medical supplies, i.e. EpiPens, will need to be checked by venue medical staff on entry.*

I am extremely proud of our students and their willingness to try new experiences. I hope your child enjoys the game.

Yours faithfully,

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