



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted that your son/daughter has shown an interest in taking part in the planned musical production of "Oliver!" to be performed on 30 November, 01 and 02 December 2017. In order to be considered for the cast he/she needs to attend four workshops in the Drama Studio, which will start after half term as follows (15:00 – 16:00):

Monday 05 June (14:45 – 13:45)	"Consider Yourself"
Wednesday 07 June (15:00 – 16:00)	"Food Glorious Food"
Monday 12 June (14:45 – 13:45)	"Oom Pah Pah"
Wednesday 14 June (15:00 – 16:00)	"Be Back Soon"

Students should attend as many sessions as possible and be prepared to sing and dance in suitable clothing and footwear e.g. PE kit. Additional staff will be available at the workshops to help individuals and small groups to prepare for auditions for principal roles.

This will be followed by auditions and initial rehearsals. Detailed timings to follow, once numbers are confirmed:

Monday 19 June	Auditions for Years 7/8 (Oliver, The Artful Dodger, Bet and Charlotte)
Wednesday 21 June	Auditions for Years 9/10 (All other roles)
Monday 26 June	Chorus / dancer auditions
Wednesday 28 June	Workhouse boys / Fagin's gang auditions
Monday 03 July	Learn songs with provisional cast
Wednesday 05 July	Learn songs with provisional cast
Monday 10 July	Read and sing through whole show
Wednesday 12 July	Principals for singing

Over the summer holidays students will be required to learn the songs (and principals learn as much dialogue as they can) to enable rapid progress when we come back in September. Rehearsals will take place in September on **Wednesday's** and **Friday's** every week from **15:00 – 17:00**. A full rehearsal schedule will be published.

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This opportunity represents a significant commitment by the excellent team of staff volunteers who make up the production team. It is absolutely vital that students show the same commitment in order to ensure we prepare a production to be proud of through high quality entertainment. For this reason, **students wishing to take part must attend all rehearsals for which they are called.** Any requests for absence must be agreed in advance and any student missing three rehearsals may have to be removed from the cast. Please note that students are also likely to be called for rehearsal in the October half term so please bear this in mind when making holiday plans.

The production will be non-profit making and all costs need to be met through ticket sales. I am sure we can count on your support to come along and watch and it is expected that cast members will need to sell approximately 6 tickets each. We anticipate these will be £10 each and £5 each for concessions (students and OAPs).

In addition, if you have any skills such as dressmaking, scenery construction etc., I would be delighted to hear from you as we need as much help as possible!

I hope that your son/daughter remains excited at this opportunity and will find it a fulfilling and worthwhile extra-curricular activity.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Finden

Please complete and return the reply slip below to the office by Friday 06 June.

Student Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

- I agree to commit to attendance at all rehearsals, as required, unless previously agreed.
- I understand that all casting decisions made by the production team are final.
- When evening rehearsals commence during September, I acknowledge my child will make their own way home / be collected at 17:00 (if timings differ you will be informed).
- I am available on the tech, dress rehearsal and performance dates (27 Nov-02 Dec)
- I agree to photos being taken of my son/daughter and used for promotional purposes.

Signed (Student): _____

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____

Date: _____

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.