



June 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

School Production – School of Rock

I am delighted to inform you that, after initial auditions, your child has been selected to take part in the annual musical production. This December, our school production will be **School of Rock** with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Glenn Slater and written by playwright, Julian Fellows. This exciting production will be performed each evening from **Wednesday 04 December 2019** to **Friday 06 December 2019**, with dress rehearsals on **Monday 02 December 2019** and **Tuesday 03 December 2019**.

As a valued member of the cast, your child is expected to invest time preparing for the production in advance of the summer break. Moving forwards, your child will be expected to attend every rehearsal they are scheduled for; students are expected to attend rehearsals as required on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** from **3.00pm** to **4.45pm**.

Details of which students / roles are required at each rehearsal will be displayed in the Athens corridor and on Twitter (@TheHambleSchool) every Friday, to enable cast members to prepare for the week ahead. Throughout November, it is probable that additional and/or extended rehearsals will be necessary. Any rehearsals falling outside of normal rehearsal days and times will be communicated at least a week in advance.

Students should arrive at each rehearsal wearing their full PE kit. Since students will be singing, dancing and acting, they must bring with them plenty of water. Students in the off-stage band are expected to wear full school uniform as usual.

During the summer break, students are expected to learn all dialogue and song lyrics appropriate to their role using the scripts or lyric packs provided. To support in this, the song tracks are available to listen to on YouTube (<http://bit.ly/31NCxr3>). In doing so, we will be able to accelerate through rehearsals more efficiently when we return to school in September.

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 with high quality entertainment. For this reason, **students wishing to take part must attend all rehearsals, for which they are called.** Any requests for absence from a scheduled rehearsal, must be agreed in advance with Mrs Bowman. Any student missing from, or late to, **three** rehearsals risks being removed from the cast.

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Please note that students with principal roles are also likely to be called for rehearsal during the October half term, so please bear this in mind when making holiday arrangements. In addition, if you are able to offer any support in providing or creating costumes, props, makeup, and other required items, I would be delighted to hear from you as we need as much help as possible.

The Creative and Performing Arts team and all staff volunteers are really excited to begin rehearsals and know that it will be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for all involved. To confirm your child's engagement with this exciting production, please complete and return the attached response form to Main Reception by **Monday 01 July 2019**.

If you wish to discuss this opportunity further, please contact Mrs Bowman at the school between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm from Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can make contact by email using abowman@thehambleschool.co.uk. If you use this method of contact, please allow up to 48 hours for a response.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Bowman

Head of Creative and Performing Arts

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.

Please return this response form to **Main Reception** by **Monday 01 July 2019**.

Student Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

- I agree to commit to attendance at all rehearsals, as required, unless absence has been previously agreed by Mrs Bowman.
- I acknowledge my child will make their own way home / be collected at the end of the rehearsal and production dates.
- I am available on the technical and dress rehearsals and the final performance dates (**Monday 02 December 2019 to Friday 06 December 2019**).
- I consent to photos being taken of my child and used for promotional purposes by The Hamble School, including the school publication of The Voice, Twitter (@TheHambleSchool) and our school website.

Signed (Student): _____

Signed (Parent / Carer): _____

Date: _____