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ST KATHARINE

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Dear Parents

### **Hetty Feather information**

Thank you very much for fetching and carrying your daughters to rehearsals throughout the year. On the whole, their attendance has been excellent and I really do appreciate how much juggling it takes to work family life around the rehearsal schedule.

### **Rehearsal dates**

Sunday 10 June rehearsal: Start time of 10am for all backstage crew and cast. Finish time of 6pm for all.

Sunday 17 June technical rehearsal: Start time of 10am for backstage crew and the two Hettys, 11am for those characters that require radio mics, 12 noon for remaining cast. Finish time of 6pm for all.

Tuesday 19 June dress rehearsal: Start time of 4.30pm for all backstage crew and cast. Finish time of 8pm

These rehearsals were stipulated on the contract which you and your child signed at the beginning of September to say that they could attend. Students who were not available for these dates were not offered a part in the production and so it is vital that your child attends. Apologies that, due to the demands of managing such a large cast, I have extended the rehearsal on Sunday 10 June so that all backstage crew and cast begin at 10am. Actors needing radio mics will also need to come in for 11am on Sunday 17 June. A list of actors that require radio mics will be sent directly to you by the end of the week.

Please may I remind students that they should not be on their mobile phones during rehearsals. However, they may bring homework with them to complete or read a book.

### **Examination week**

During the first week back after half-term, Year 7 and 8 examinations are scheduled for the Monday and Tuesday only. Therefore rehearsals will be as normal on Tuesday 5 June and Wednesday 6 June from 4.30–6.30pm. An updated rehearsal schedule for these two days will be sent directly to you by the end of the week.

### **Performance dates**

Wednesday 20 June matinee to local primary schools: Students to leave their lesson at 11.50am and come to the Studio Theatre where they will be provided with a packed lunch which they will eat whilst they register. Show time 1.15–3.30pm

Thursday 21 June performance 1: call time 5pm. Show time 7–9.30pm

Friday 22 June performance 2: call time 5pm. Show time 7–9.30pm

### **Food**

On the two weekend rehearsal days and the evening of the dress rehearsal, students will need to bring a packed lunch or tea, water bottle and plenty of snacks to keep them going. Alternatively, students have the option to order a packed lunch or tea in advance from school, which will then be available to collect in the Refectory. On the days of

performance, the expectation is for students to stay in school from 4.10–5pm. Therefore unless you advise me otherwise, I will assume that on the days of performance, everyone will stay in school. Students will again have the option to bring in a packed tea or to order one in advance from school, which will then be available to collect in the Refectory. The café will not be open to the company on performance days as it is not set up to cater for such large numbers. If you would like to order a packed lunch or tea for your daughter for any of the mentioned dates, please fill out the [electronic response form](#) by Monday 11 June. Students can eat upstairs in the Refectory and relax before the show under the supervision of our Sixth Form drama assistants. Please inform me by email if your daughter will be going home between the end of school and 5pm.

### **Picking up arrangements**

As normal, please pick your child up from the main school Reception at the end of a rehearsal or performance night. Students must not leave Reception until they know that you have arrived. If you are attending the show, please wait for your daughter in the Atrium after the show.

### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale via the [online booking system](#). If you have questions about tickets please contact our drama assistant, [Leying Lee](#), and she will be able to help you.

### **Costume**

As I have already requested, all cast members should have a white (preferably long sleeved) plain top without logos as part of their costume. They should also use their school shoes if they are playing an adult. All other costume and shoes will be supplied by the School. Any students who are working backstage should dress in their own black (or dark) clothes and wear dark soft bottomed shoes or trainers. If possible, could you please send your child to school with one tight French plait if they are playing a male role. If they are playing a female role, could you please send them in in two traditional, low side plaits. If you are unable to do this, please make sure they bring two hair ties with them to school as well as their own hairbrush.

### **Lines**

As we enter the final weeks of rehearsal, it is very important that all cast members know all of their acting lines. Therefore if your daughter is not yet off script (and some aren't!), please encourage her to learn all lines (dialogue, song lyrics and chants) over the half-term break.

It is really important that we hold the very latest medical, dietary and parental contact information on all our students. So if there are any amendments or additions, do please let us know. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at the performances in June.

Yours faithfully

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