



28 November 2018

Dear Parent

School of Rock Cast / Parental Information

As you would know your child is involved in the Carlton Academy Christmas musical 'School of Rock' that will be running on the evenings of the Wednesday 12, Thursday 13 and 14 December 2018, as well as there being a special lunch time matinee performance for our local primary schools on Thursday 13 December. As we draw closer to the performances, the need for commitment and organisation from your child grows ever more important and to this end I would like to inform you about upcoming dates, times and other such matters. Any additional information that needs to be shared at a later date will come out via text message.

Friday 30 November

Acting / Music: Lunch Time Rehearsals:

These will be organised on a 'needs must' basis and information about these will be forwarded through the normal academy communication systems and, if possible, by text.

Acting Cast: After School Rehearsal Times:

The after school rehearsal schedule is on display around the Academy and a copy of this is available on the website. From Monday 4 December cast members need to attend **ALL** scheduled rehearsals (3:10pm – 4:30pm).

Please check the rehearsal schedule for further scene and date details.

Dancers: After School Rehearsal Times:

After school dance rehearsals will continue to run on Tuesday and Thursdays

Sunday 9 December Rehearsal (10:00am - 4:00pm)

Whole Cast: This was initially put as a 'to be confirmed' date but is now a definite of Sunday 9 December from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The rehearsal will take place in the academy theatre and a packed lunch will need to be provided (*Try your best to learn all lines and songs by this date*)

Performance Week:

Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 (8:45am – 3:05pm)

Whole Cast: All cast members will be taken off their normal school timetable on these dates. Teaching staff will be informed about the absence, but it will be the responsibility of the cast to catch up on missed work. **Evening Rehearsals: 3:05pm – 4:00pm**



Wednesday 12 December (8:45am – 3:05pm)

Whole Cast: Students again off timetable but **NO evening rehearsal**

Wednesday 12 December - Performance One (6:00pm – 9:00pm)

Whole Cast: Following the daytime rehearsals all performers need to be back in school and at the theatre for 6:00pm. This will allow time for the giving of notices and for any pre-show preparation that needs to occur prior to doors opening at 6:30pm. There will be a member of staff staying in the theatre at school from 3:05pm – 6:00pm, so students do not have to go home. It is of course important that, whatever arrangements you make with your child, they do get something to eat in this time and an opportunity to rest. We anticipate the show should be finished by 9:00pm and performers can be collected after this. When we have a definite show running time I will convey this to you via text.

Thursday 13 December – Primary School Matinee Performance (12:30pm – 3:05pm)

Whole Cast: Students will return to normal timetabled lessons for the morning, leave period three early for lunch and then come to the theatre for 12:30pm and be ready for the 1:00pm matinee.

Thursday 13 December - Performance Three (6:00pm – 9:00pm)

Whole Cast: No evening rehearsal and arrangements as with the previous performance night.

Friday 14 December – Performance Four (6:00pm – 9:00pm)

Whole Cast: Students follow the normal school day and, as with previous nights' performance, return to school at 6:00pm.

Costume - other than those actors who have the roles of 'pupils of Horrace Green' we will be asking students to try their best to get their own costume for their character. Students have a developing understanding of what their character is like and, if they have any doubts, they should discuss this with myself or use the Internet research find a solution. If, after asking friends and a thorough search in places where the appropriate costume could be found (second hand shops etc), there is still an issue then do let us know. 'Horrace Green' pupils will be given 'additional' pieces of costume that will be added to their own Carlton Academy school uniform and this will be temporarily modified in a way that means that it will return to its normal use without harm. Finally, there is capacity in the drama area to store costume and students can now start doing this, but the responsibility of these items lays with the actor.

Buying Tickets - tickets will soon be on sale for the show and, if you are interested in attending on the Friday, then I suggest you get in early with your purchases as traditionally this performance is a sell-out. (£2.50 / £4.00 from Student Reception.)

After Show Party (Friday 14 December 9:00pm – 10:00pm). As in previous years, we, the staff would like to extend a 'thank you' to the cast and offer them an opportunity to celebrate their achievements by hosting an informal after show party in the theatre. Details to follow.

Finally, can I also give a 'big thank you' to you for the kind support you have shown your children in the preparation for what should be a great show. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding anything raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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