

23rd September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Drama Club & Pantomime 2024

I am delighted to be writing to you with details of this year's drama club and subsequent rehearsals for the School Pantomime taking place in December.

Our very popular drama club has already started and takes place each Wednesday 11th September, 3.15pm to 4.30pm, in the main school hall. There is **no charge for students** to take part in this club. During September the club finishes at 4.30pm, allowing students to make use of the late bus home. Students will need to ensure that they book the late bus with student reception by end of lunch on the day of the club.

At the start of October auditions for the school pantomime will be held. Students attending the drama club will be informed of what is required. Please note at this point **rehearsals will go on until 5.30pm**. After October half term rehearsals will then be held on **Monday and Wednesday evenings**.

Once the show is cast, it is vital that students understand that they will be **expected to attend all rehearsals**. The reason for this is to ensure that progress is made in rehearsals, but also that once the costumes are hired, they are fitted for specific individual students in their roles and are not easily exchanged.

Attached to this letter is the drama club and pantomime rehearsal schedule. **The September clubs do not require any commitment and are open to all.**

Please complete and return the attached 'parental consent' and 'photo consent' forms prior to attending any drama club sessions.

The Christmas Pantomime is always a fantastic event and a highlight of the academy calendar. I would like as many students as possible to participate in this year's show, making it bigger and better than ever. Whether it be on stage, back stage or front of house, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Yours faithfully

Steven Hatfield
Director of Creative Arts