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February 14th 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

GCSE Drama Performance Exam Date - Friday 1st March.

In advance of the GCSE Drama Exam on Friday 1st March we thought it might be helpful to give you and the students an overview of what to expect, what will be needed and some important dates.

Performances to Parents

We are pleased to tell you that from **4pm – 6pm** on **Monday 25th** (Mr Parker-Monk's class) & **Tuesday 26th February** (Ms Douglas' class) there will be performances to parents. This is very important as the students always wish to perform to their best for their families; it is the closest we can get to the experience in front of the examiner. If anyone from your family can attend, then please do, it is very important that they have a supportive audience for whom they wish to do well. Some will understandably be nervous of that, which means they will attempt to discourage you, but makes your attendance even more important if you can attend!

Additional rehearsals

This performance exam is worth 30% of the overall course so very important for all of the students. Due to this, we are offering some additional rehearsal times over the half term for particular groups of students to attend. Students are only to attend if they have booked in with members of staff due to safeguarding and fire regulations and must arrive at the agreed time. Those who have booked are in the schedule at the end of this letter. These students should use the Post 16 door to enter the building where they will be asked to sign in. They will not be allowed to leave the building unsupervised so should bring a snack/lunch with them as well as their costume and props. Open rehearsals for all students will be after school on the week of the exam.

Prioritising workload.

We would ask that during the lead up to the exam day that students prioritise their Drama work. Other than two students who also have a food exam that week this is the only 'real GCSE' on the calendar that week which counts to the overall grade. Of course, revision in all other areas is crucial as well, but prioritising workload to get the best overall set of results will become increasingly important, as the remaining GCSE's get close. We advise students not to make plans to do anything extra where possible that week. To eat and sleep well, and therefore work to the best of their abilities, as the lead up the performance exam will be tiring, but definitely enjoyable.

We thank you for your continued support and wish the students all the best for their exam.

If you require any further information, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

T. Grego

Mr Grego

R Parker Monks

Mr Parker-Monks

L Douglas

Ms Douglas

Date	Event	Who's involved
Monday 18th February	Half term rehearsals: Ms Cox - 9am -2 pm	Ms Cox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pragnesh, Aaisha & Shivani • Mya, Kaden & Lewis • Ayesha R (11.00-2.00)
Tuesday 19th February	Half term rehearsals: Ms Cox – 9am-2pm Ms Douglas 9am-2 pm	Ms Cox: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lia, Ravinder & Basheerah • Breanna, Aimee, Harleen & Shivani Ms Douglas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rahma, Rahima, Savanah and Sharaya • Zeba , Husna and Fartun
Wednesday 20th February	Half term rehearsals: Ms Douglas - 9am– 2 pm	Ms Douglas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meera ,Doha , Bradley, Sakib • Zeba , Husna and Fartun • Morgan
Thursday 21st February	Half term rehearsals: Mr Parker Monks –9am-2pm	Mr Parker-Monks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey, Ellis & Reece • Latisha, Eleanora & Ayesha • Breanna, Aimee, Harleen & Shivani
Monday 25th February	Performance to parents 4 pm – 6 pm approx.	Mr Parker-Monk's class
Tuesday 26th February	Performance to parents 4pm – 6 pm approx.	Ms Douglas' class
Wednesday 27th February	Final rehearsals	All students
Thursday 27th February	Final rehearsals	All students
Friday 1st March	Final Exam	All students