



ABINGDON

26 April 2010

To: all parents

Drama and Film Events, Summer 2010

The summer term sees an exciting crop of drama and film events that weave their way in and out of the term's prevailing texture of exams. Do consider joining us for one or more of these if you can. For tickets for all the drama and film events, please contact Mrs Hart, the Arts Centre Secretary on 01235 849063 or via email, arts.sec@abingdon.org.uk or you can order tickets online at www.abingdon-booking.info.

Stepping Out, Sunday 9 May 4.00 pm, Amey Theatre, Tickets £5

A new event for Abingdon - the inaugural show by the Abingdon Dance Project, a group of senior pupils from Abingdon and St Helen's that bears a striking resemblance to the cast of "West Side Story". In the wake of last December's show, the cast wanted to continue working with OA dancer and choreographer Matthew Hawksworth, and "Stepping Out" reveals the fruits of their collaboration. Sharing the bill will be another group - an all-star collection of professional dancers from London assembled by Matt - as well as some brave souls from the Common Room who have agreed to take part in what is clearly the cultural event of the year - the Common Room Come Dancing Competition. To find out which members of staff are lightest on their feet, come along to the Amey Theatre on Sunday 9 May at 4.00 pm in the afternoon. The show aims to raise funds for the school's Moldova Project, as well as the development of dance and film projects run by the drama department.

The **Film Unit's 7th annual screening of new work** takes place in the Amey Theatre on Wednesday 19 May at 7.30 pm. This will be parents' first chance to see "One Foot on the Ground", the half-hour documentary about Moldova made by sixth formers Matthew Copson, Tom Bateman and Will McDowell which premiered at the National Film Theatre in London last March. Also screening will be a mix of shorter documentaries and animations produced by this year's budding Bertoluccis. Tickets for this event are free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of future film projects, which include ideas for documentaries in the West Bank and the Falkland Islands.

In June, the much-anticipated middle school production of Marlowe's classic **Dr Faustus** finally takes to the Amey Theatre stage having fallen victim to January's blizzards. Third and fourth year pupils take their place alongside their contemporaries from St Helen's for Mr May's radical take on the Faust story, in which a man sells his soul to the devil for power and knowledge. "No Elizabethan play outside the Shakespeare canon has raised more controversy than *Doctor Faustus*." The show takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 29-30 June and Thursday 1 July at 7.30 pm in the "studio-on-stage" configuration of the Amey Theatre stage.

Yours sincerely,

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Please enter number of tickets required in the relevant boxes

Your Name:

Your Address:

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All Tickets £5

1. *Stepping Out/Common Room Come Dancing* £

Sunday 9 May 2010, Amey Theatre, 4.00 pm

Tickets Free of Charge

2. *AFU Annual Screening of New Films*

Wednesday 19 May 2010, Amey Theatre, 7.30 pm

| | Adult £6 | Concession £4 | Family (2 A+ 2 C) £16 | |
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| 3. <i>Dr Faustus</i> (Middle School Production) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | £ |

Tuesday 29 June 2010, Studio on Stage, Amey Theatre, 7.30 pm

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Wednesday 30 June 2010, Studio on Stage, Amey Theatre, 7.30 pm

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| 3. <i>Dr Faustus</i> (Middle School Production) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | £ |
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Thursday 1 July 2010, Studio on Stage, Amey Theatre, 7.30 pm

Total cost of Tickets £_____

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Son’s Name: **Son’s Year/Tutor:**

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