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From: Director of Drama: Ben Phillips

6 September 2022

Drama OH opportunities 2022-23

Dear Parents

Lower School Drama Club: Monday Period 5 or Friday Period 8

The Lower School Drama Club gives pupils an opportunity to be part of a creative ensemble, where playing lots of drama games and having fun is the top priority. We will use teamwork skills to create mini improvisations and sketches each week and gain confidence performing in front of others. Members of the club can audition for a large-scale production which will begin rehearsals in January and be performed in May.

3rd and 4th Year production

This year's middle school production is a new play written by Edward Rowett, OA. *The action takes place late in the summer term, as the hapless B XI cricket team navigate so much more than just the game, but friendship, loyalty, love, loss and what it means to be a team. Expect some hilarious comedy and heart-wrenching drama!*

The play is open to pupils in third and fourth year, and will be performed in the Amey Theatre at the beginning of December 2022. Full details are as follows:

AUDITIONS

Tuesday 13 or Wednesday 14 September in A321 Drama Studio (top floor of Arts Centre). Auditions will run from 5:15-7pm.

To sign up for an audition, please add your name to the appropriate list on the drama department notice board outside room A218 in the Arts Centre.

REHEARSALS

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in A321 Drama Studio from 5:15 - 7pm.

PERFORMANCES

There will be TWO performances in the Amey Theatre, as follows:

Performance 1: Thursday 1 December, 7pm

Performance 2: Friday 2 December, 7pm

DRESS & TECHNICAL REHEARSALS

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The dress and technical rehearsals will run as follows:

Sunday 27 November, 9am - 5pm
Monday 28 November, 1pm - 9pm
Tuesday 29 November, 9am - 1pm

If you have any questions, please email Mr Phillips as soon as possible.

5th Year, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth productions

The extra curricular Drama production offerings for 5th Year, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth at Abingdon and SHSK this year are as follows:

Abingdon: *Grease - The Musical*. Rehearsals: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 5:15-7:15pm. Performance dates **Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 February 2023**. **Open to Fifth Year, Lower and Upper Sixth**. Joint with SHSK. Look out for an audition sign up sheet and audition materials outside the drama office in the Arts Centre from Tuesday 6 September.

St Helen's: *The Visit* by Friedrich Dürrenmatt. Rehearsals: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-7pm. Performance dates **Wednesday 25-Friday 27 January 2023**. Open to **Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth**. Joint with SHSK. Look out for audition sign-up sheets and audition materials outside the drama office in the Arts Centre from Thursday 8 September. If your child would like to audition to take part in this production, please complete the [electronic response form](#) before they audition. Please complete the form together with your child.

There will also be a 5th Year production launching later in the term – details coming soon.

Middle and Upper School “Page to Stage” Wednesday Period 7 activity

Pupils who are keen on drama and performance but don't have time to commit to one of the extra curricular productions we are offering might like to come along to *Page to Stage* on a Wednesday afternoon. We will look at different plays and playwrights and rehearse and perform extracts from a number of different works, as well as perhaps looking at devising some of our own work. Pupils can choose this instead of or as well as being in one of the productions! Open to 3rd Years - Upper Sixth.

Yours sincerely

Ben Phillips
Director of Drama