

Monday 9th September

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Wizard of Oz Auditions

I am pleased to announce that auditions for this year's musical production will take place at the end of September. We are currently making plans for a production of The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition in the week beginning 24th March 2025 at The Merlin Theatre.

We will be holding two audition sessions during which time the pupils will be able to learn an extract from the show to audition. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be asked to attend on Tuesday 24th September. Year 7 and Year 8 pupils should attend on Thursday 26th September. Audition material will be made available on Google Classroom. Pupils should join the class using the following code **i6dykn3**. There is no expectation for the pupils to learn the audition material but they should familiarise themselves with it. The show itself has a variety of singing and speaking roles alongside a number of chorus roles so that more pupils can benefit from the experience.

The results of the audition will be published in the Drama and Music room within a week of the auditions. Should your child be invited to the cast they will need to be prepared to rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All rehearsals will be published on the school website and 100% attendance is expected for all rehearsals. The school productions are always very popular and we may not be able to offer everyone a place as we are limited on numbers in the theatre.

There will be an expectation of commitment from the pupils who are cast in the show and they will be expected to attend all rehearsals that they are called for. After school rehearsals will take place at school and the pupils should be picked up promptly at the published time.

We look forward to this exciting and ambitious project and to hearing that your child would like to join us in this process.

As a footnote it has been our practise in recent years to ask for a donation of £10 for this after school club. This contribution is invaluable and helps us make the production even more exciting for the pupils and for you, our audience.

<https://forms.gle/pnMYJcKE4rLDpmf8>

Yours sincerely,

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Head of The Arts Faculty

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