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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you, that due to unforeseen circumstances, the upcoming production of *Hairspray* will no longer be able to take place in the format that students have been rehearsing.

We fully understand how disappointing this news will be for our students and their families, particularly given the significant time, effort, and enthusiasm that have been invested in rehearsals and preparation. Many pupils have shown real commitment and creativity, and we know how much this production has meant to them. This decision was not made lightly, and we apologise for any upset or disappointment this may cause.

Unfortunately, a change in personal circumstances affecting the delivery of the production means that it is not possible for us to proceed as originally planned. While we are unable to share specific details, we hope you will understand that this situation has required careful and sensitive consideration.

That said, we are actively exploring alternative ways to provide students with an opportunity to perform. We are currently looking at the possibility of Wigan and Leigh College assisting with the delivery of a performance. Should this go ahead, the format is likely look different from what students have been rehearsing; however, please be assured that we are considering every viable option to recognise students' hard work and give them the chance to showcase their talents.

The wellbeing of our students and staff remains central to all decisions we make. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, teamwork, and resilience shown by all those involved and are committed to supporting them through this change.

Further information will be shared as soon as possible, including any next steps and arrangements regarding the work already undertaken. In the meantime, thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support.

Kind Regards

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