



THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM
LEYBURN

13 September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

We are excited to announce our plans for our first musical in 5 years - High School Musical!

Mrs Lewis, Mr Bennison, Miss Wallis and I would like to take this opportunity to formally invite all students who wish to take part in the school musical to join us in rehearsals every Wednesday after school from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm during term time. Students will have a 15-minute slot between the end of school and the start of rehearsals to have a break and change into comfortable clothing if they wish. During this break, if students leave the school site, they will not be supervised. If you wish to give permission for your child to leave the school site during the 15-minute break, please email your consent to joshua.hadfield@wensleydaleschool.net. Please use the subject title 'Rehearsal off site permission' and be sure to include your child's full name in the message. All students must be in the school hall by 4.00 pm so that we can start rehearsals promptly.

All rehearsals will take place outside school lesson times so that we do not affect students' academic progress. The only time students will be taken off timetable will be on Monday 4 April 2022 to perform a dress rehearsal to the local primary schools prior to the show nights.

Before the summer holidays, we held auditions for any students interested in a lead part in the musical. We are delighted to announce that this has allowed us to fill the majority of lead parts. Solos and speaking roles will also be given to those who demonstrate commitment to the rehearsal process.

Students who would like to take part in the musical will need to attend our first rehearsal on Wednesday 15 September 2021 - no consents or forms are required. This includes students who may wish to help out with backstage or technical roles, such as props, set design, lighting and sound. As we would like to run the musical at a professional standard, we do ask that students give us advance notice if they are unable to attend a rehearsal on a particular date.

During rehearsals, students will be allowed access to their mobile phones, however these must only be used when students are seated in the audience area of the Hall and must not be taken onto the stage. We would encourage students to bring appropriate snacks and drinks (non-fizzy) to rehearsals, but again, these must only be consumed in the audience area of the Hall.

Performances will be held on the evenings of Tuesday 5 April - Friday 8 April 2022 at 7.00 pm.

There is no limit on the number of students joining the musical; all students are welcome to take part.

Should you have any questions regarding the musical, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at joshua.hadfield@wensleydaleschool.net.

Yours sincerely

J. Hadfield

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