



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT
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22nd January 2024

Shrek the Musical 2024!

Dear Parents and Carers,

With excitement building and opening night drawing near we wanted to outline some key messages and timings to ensure show week runs as smoothly as possible.

Dress Rehearsal – Saturday 27th January

The dress rehearsal is a key part of the preparation process as it is an opportunity for students to complete a full run through of the show with the band, costumes, microphones, and set. It is important that students attend this rehearsal!

Students are to arrive at school at 9.00am for a 9.30 start to the show; we are aiming to finish at around 1.00pm but will keep parents/carers updated if we are due to finish any earlier. Students should bring their outfit, some water, and some food to keep them going through the morning.

Primary Matinee – Monday 29th January

We will be welcoming 200 primary students from various schools to watch us perform. Students will be off timetable all day and should come straight to The Palace Theatre (Main Hall) at 8.30am. Students are not required to be in school uniform however need to bring their all-black show outfit with them.

All students will have break at 10.45 and will then return to the music department at 11.00. Students should bring a packed lunch they can eat before the show starts at 12.00 or between halves. Students will leave school at their usual time.

Show Week – Tuesday 30th January – Saturday 3rd February.

During show week, all ensemble cast will be housed in The House of Pi. The Music department will be used by named characters and those who wear specific character costumes. It is important that students come each night with their costume and anything they may need on stage.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, students need to arrive at school, in costume by 5.00pm. They need to go straight to The House of Pi where they will drop off their belongings. They will then meet in the hall to warm-up and soundcheck. Students should be picked up from the House of Pi at 9.30pm.

On Saturday students need to be in school for 3.30pm due to the earlier show start time of 5.00pm. Students should be picked up at around 8.30pm on the final night.



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Home Learning

We understand that with students taking part in the school production it will leave them less time to complete their home learning. To support with this, we will make staff aware of the students' taking part in the show and they will be allowed extra time to complete their tasks. Where possible students should complete what they can this week before the show's start and may choose to bring homework with them to complete in between scenes.

Costumes

Students need to have an all-black outfit they can wear during the shows – Students shouldn't wear any clearly branded clothing.

For the musical number 'Freak Flag', students are able to wear colourful, expressive clothing as this represents the individuality and message of the song *e.g. Multi-coloured shirt*. Please ensure named brands are still avoided for these clothing items.

Character costumes will arrive at school on Thursday 25th January. It is important that students who are in a character costume try their outfit on before the dress rehearsal. The Performing Arts team will be around after school on Thursday so students can try their outfits.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Show weeks can be long and tiring, we will make sure there is always a member of staff available to support students during the show with any worries or concerns. Students are also encouraged to speak to a member of the Performing Arts team or Safeguarding team if they need support.

Finally... Enjoy the show.

Yours faithfully,
Miss R. Collins
Subject Leader for Music and Performing Arts