

# ST HUGH'S SCHOOL

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Headmaster

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## To parents of children in Year 6 & 7

Dear Parents

I cannot believe that it is only seven weeks till the children take to the stage to perform 'Oliver!'. They are doing so well and I am very proud of them and the progress they have made. It is starting to take shape and is looking to be a memorable performance.

Those of you who know the musical or have been fortunate to see it at some time will know what a huge undertaking it is for both the children and the staff. In order to be performed well, it requires sessions on choral work, choreography and direction.

Therefore, after much discussion with the staff involved, I feel it would benefit the cast greatly to have two longer, more intense rehearsals. This would enable them to piece together the various scenes they have been working on and start to picture the production as a whole.

Obviously, the school week is busy and many children have commitments after school, which is why I propose these rehearsals take place after Saturday school. A packed lunch or meal will be provided as well as juice and biscuits. It is my hope that these sessions, whilst being hard work, will also be fun.

If possible, I would like to see all characters that appear in Act One on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**. The session will start at 1.30pm, after a lunch break, and end at 4.30pm. Because the children in the workhouse only appear in the opening sequence, they will be available for pick-up at 2.30pm.

On **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**, we would like to see all characters that appear in Act Two. In addition to these students, we would also like to see Daniel Ferris, Katie Newland, Jemima Chauveau, Edward Adamson, Charlie Erwin and Hannah McLintock as they will be the supporting chorus for some songs in Act Two.

I understand that weekends are the only time most families have to spend together and I am aware that many of you may have plans so this may turn out to be a very unrealistic request. However, I hope to see as many children there as possible.

If your child is unable to attend, please email me at [checkley-millsr@st-hughs.co.uk](mailto:checkley-millsr@st-hughs.co.uk) ; if too many are unable to come, it will not be possible and we will have to rethink our plans.

Kind regards

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