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CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY, YORK

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Manor Performing Arts Leaders 2018/19

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm writing to confirm the details of this year's Performing Arts activities and to begin a new process to select 50 students who will become 'Performing Arts Leaders', which will include them having a role in next summer's production of Disney's High School Musical.

Dance, drama and music activities have already resumed along with our programme of vocal and instrumental music tuition. Our first public performances are in October and tickets are on sale now for these events. This year, all up-to-date news and information is available online using the following address:

www.twitter.com/ManorPerfArts. If you have a Twitter account it is possible to 'follow' us and set up notifications to see our news as soon as it's posted. Otherwise, please just visit the address above to find out the latest information about activities, tickets, events and other news.

We now have over 20 specialist staff in Performing Arts making it possible for us to offer a very wide range of activities both in and out of the curriculum. Most activities are inclusive for students of all ages and abilities and there are some advanced groups to support our specialist students. There are many opportunities for all students to get involved in performing arts during our academic year.

This year for the first time, we are looking for 50 young people who are passionate about their performing arts to be leaders in our faculty. We are particularly looking for students who:

- are ambitious about their learning in performing arts and want to achieve at the highest level possible
- are ready to share what they learn with others
- are determined to find a solution, even when it seems impossible
- want to learn at every opportunity from specialists in performing arts
- are always looking for opportunities to encourage others
- want to be part of a team
- have 100% commitment to a project, attending all meetings, rehearsals and events with exceptional organisation and punctuality



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In addition to them becoming the cast of next summer's production, students will also be asked to play a leading role in their curriculum lessons to share the skills and understanding they develop in the project.

Each leader must be available to attend weekly rehearsals on:

- Monday lunch (Jan-June)
- Thursday lunch (Jan-June)
- Thursdays 3.30-6.00 (Apr-June)

Students from all year groups are invited to apply. Year 11 applications will be considered separately and will require agreement from their head of year and our senior leadership team before a place is offered. Each student's preparation for the final GCSE examinations is of paramount importance.

Unfortunately due to Thursday being our only evening when all members of our performing arts staff team are available, this opportunity is not open to students on the CCF programme.

As is often the case, it will be a difficult decision to choose our 50 leaders. We are initially asking for you to complete and sign the attached consent form if you would like your son/daughter to be involved.

In addition to your signature there is also the opportunity for you to add any information you would like us to consider. This could relate to a medical condition or relevant experience your son/daughter has outside school. There is also a space for your son/daughter to write. We would like them to write (in no more than 50 words) why they should be considered for this opportunity. First auditions will be offered in November, with additional auditions for specific roles in December. Our decisions will be final and by signing this consent form, you are agreeing that it's possible that your son/daughter may not necessarily be chosen on this occasion. Forms should be returned to Mr Lowe by Friday 12th October.

Thank you for all the tremendous support and encouragement you give to our young people.

Very best wishes,

Dave Lowe

Director of Learning: Performing Arts