

WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Shakespeare Schools' Festival



We are delighted to announce that Westcliff High School for Girls are taking part in the nationwide Shakespeare Schools' Festival this year.

After a competitive audition, your child has been given a role in the production! This is an invaluable opportunity for your child to work with professional actors and perform in a professional theatre.



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Payment

This is an extra-curricular event and, should you wish your child to take part, a payment of **£40.80** is required to cover the cost of a workshop with professional actors, the performance event, transport and insurance. Please pay for this using ParentPay. **All payments must be made by Tuesday 1st August 2017** or else we may have to offer the place to another student. If you have any problems making payment please telephone Mrs Hine on 01702 476026 to make payment over the telephone.



Engineering

The Workshop

All students involved in the event will be invited to take part in a workshop at the Palace Theatre, run by professional actors, on **Thursday 28th September 2017**. Students will come to school as usual in full school uniform. A coach will then take students from WHSG to the theatre at 12:30. Students should bring a packed lunch with them on this day and a change of clothes suitable for a practical drama session (sports trousers, shorts or gym leggings). Students should not wear jeans, strappy tops or clothing that shows their stomach. **We request that students make their own way home from the theatre following the workshop which will finish at 16:10. Please indicate on the reply slip how your child will be getting home.**

The Performance

The performance and dress rehearsal will take place at the Palace Theatre on **Thursday 16th November 2017**. **Students should come to school for 08:00** in full school uniform and register in the Drama Studio. They should bring their full costume, make-up and hair supplies (these will be confirmed at a later date). Students will depart for the theatre by coach at 08:10 for their dress rehearsal and will return to school by coach at 12:30. The coach will then take students back to the Palace Theatre for a warm up at 17:15. The performance will start promptly at 19:00. **We request that students are collected from the theatre after the performance at 22:00.** Students should bring a packed lunch, and either a packed dinner or money to get a take-away.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will take place at WHSG every **Monday and Thursday, 15:30 to 17:30**, starting on Thursday 7th September 2017 until Thursday 16th November 2017. I am sure you will understand that 100% commitment to these after school rehearsals and availability on the performance date is vital.

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It is important to note that these rehearsals will clash with those of the school musical so your child will need to decide which they would like to commit to.

Purchasing Tickets

We will let parents know when tickets for the event are available. They will be sold from the Palace Theatre box office and will be limited, as a number of schools from the area are performing on the same evening.

Palace Theatre Box Office Telephone Number: 01702 351135

Palace Theatre Box Office Website: <https://southendtheatres.org.uk/Online/whatson>

Please return the attached permission slip to agree to the above; if it is not received then your child will be unable to attend the trip.

I thank you greatly for your continued support.

We look forward to an excellent festival.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Collins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss R Collins
Drama Department

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Return to box outside school office

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	TICK
I give permission for my child _____ of Form _____ to take part in the Shakespeare Schools' Festival and agree to the above	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child is available to attend rehearsals every Monday and Thursday, 15:30 - 17:30, from 7 th September 2017 to 16 th November 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
My child is able to attend the workshop on Thursday 28 th September 2017, from 12:30 - 16:00	<input type="checkbox"/>
After the workshop on Thursday 28 th September 2017 : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I will pick my child up from the Palace Theatre at 16:10• Another adult will pick my child up from the Palace Theatre at 16:10• My child will make their own way home	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
My child is able to attend the dress rehearsal and performance on Thursday 16 th November 2017 from 08:00 – 22:00	<input type="checkbox"/>
After the performance on Thursday 16 th November 2017 : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I will pick my child up from the Palace Theatre at 22:00• Another adult will pick my child up from the Palace Theatre at 22:00 – Name of adult collecting _____• My child will make their own way home	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Mobile Phone Number of Student: _____

Signed _____
(Parent/Carer)

Date _____