



7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: 2024 School Show 'Oliver – The Musical'**

We are delighted that your child has expressed an interest in auditioning for the school show this year.

**For an ensemble role:**

All pupils who are in year 7 and wish to participate in the school show should audition for an ensemble role on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm - 4:30pm in DR1**. Pupils in other years may also attend this audition if they wish to be in the ensemble. Pupils auditioning for ensemble role should practice singing - "*Food, Glorious Food*", which they will sing in a group. They will also be asked to improvise a short scene. Please note that they do not need to prepare anything for this task.

**For a principal role:**

Your child's audition will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3:30pm - 6:00pm**. If your child wishes to audition and cannot attend for any reason they must come and speak to me immediately. Pupils in years 8, 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form may attend this audition. Pupils are required to prepare one of the following songs, they will only be asked to sing a short extract of the song during the audition:

- *As Long as He Needs Me* (Nancy, mezzo-soprano, F major)
- *It's a Fine Life* (Nancy, mezzo-soprano, A-flat major)
- *I'd Do Anything* (Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin, Boys, various, F major-D major)
- *Pick a Pocket or Two* (Fagin, Tenor, F minor)
- *Where is love* (Oliver, soprano, C major)

If necessary your child may be asked to attend a re-call audition on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**.

*Students that are in our exam years will be considered for the full range of roles, however, we may need to consider the extra pressures and workload that comes with being in Years 11 and 13.*

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The Ashmole Academy show is an extremely valuable, exciting and rewarding opportunity for all involved. Before auditioning for the school show your child should be aware of the time and commitment involved throughout the process. Acting rehearsals will take place on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings after school from 3.25pm – 5.30pm in the Hall or Drama Studio**. Depending on the size of their role, students may be required for one or more of these rehearsals a week. If they have a smaller role, they may not be needed every week. There will also be a number of weekend rehearsals. The dates for these will be confirmed as we progress through the year.

The first rehearsal for all students is due to take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. At this stage they will be given a full rehearsal schedule for the term. Further details will be provided at a later date. Should your child decide against continuing with the show at any time during the process it would be much appreciated that they come and have a discussion with me.

**For Show Orchestra:**

There will be a meeting at **3:30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023** with the Musical Director (Mr Christmas). Your child must attend this meeting if they are interested in being part of show orchestra. Please note your child must be Grade 5 standard or above.

Students who have previously taken part in senior orchestra will only be needed for a short time and will not need to bring their instruments with them.

Students who have not previously been a member of senior orchestra will be required to bring their instrument and will be asked to sight read a short extract of the appropriate instrumental part. There is no need for your child to prepare an audition piece. Once your child has completed this process your child will be free to go home. We anticipate this will be around 4:30pm.

Please note that the dates for the show are the **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:00pm**.

Please complete and submit the google form to confirm your child's attendance:

**Ensemble cast:** <https://forms.gle/StZMkA1uguS4FFo5A>

**Principle cast:** <https://forms.gle/e4FXpARzW8LgHQNy9>

**Show Orchestra:** <https://forms.gle/speUByALEiNsAmHz6>

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish your child the very best of luck during the audition process and we look forward to seeing them there.

Yours faithfully,

*M Swingler*

Ms M Swingler  
**Head of Drama**