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Dear Parents and Carers

Gym and Dance Show – Wednesday 11th February and Thursday 12th February 2026

This year's Gym and Dance show takes place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.00pm at Braywick Leisure Centre. This show will involve approximately 500 students from the school and as you can imagine, is a huge undertaking on the part of the PE Department, requiring some special arrangements.

If your child is part of the show they will be in one or more of the following:

Senior cheer, senior dance, senior gym, inter cheer, inter dance, junior cheer, junior dance, junior gym, dance company, gym squad, dance evolve seniors, dance evolve juniors, dance development, 7A, 7B, 7D and 7E Starlight Express dance, Year 11 'the fight' core PE dance, Year 13 dance, house dances (Austen, Bronte, Curie, Darling, Earhart or Frank) or has been successful in auditioning their own gym or dance piece.

There is some very important information about the show and its rehearsals in this letter.

The following are the times when we will need all 500 participants together for rehearsals or performances and it is essential that all participants attend both of the following:

Wednesday 4th February

3.10 – 6.00 pm - First costumed run through in Newlands' Sports Hall.

Due to the high number of participants departing after the rehearsal, pupils will be dismissed in year groups, with siblings allowed to leave together at the earlier time slot:

5.45 pm – Years 12 and 13

5.50 pm – Years 10 and 11

5.55 pm – Years 8 and 9

6.00 pm – Year 7

Please consider collecting your child from outside the main school car park to ease congestion.

Tuesday 10th February

8.30 am – 3.15 pm - Full dress and technical rehearsal at Braywick Leisure Centre.

Pupils should go straight to Braywick in the morning where they will be registered. Pupils can arrive from 8.00 a.m. and must wear either their costume, or their PE kit. Pupils should enter the Leisure Centre through the back door in the far corner of the car park, not through the main reception. Someone will be there to direct pupils in the morning. Please can your child bring along a packed lunch and drink for the day.

To ease congestion at the end of the day, we will dismiss students by year group. If parents are collecting from Braywick they should pick up from the main car park at Braywick Leisure Centre. The timings are as follows:

3.00 pm – Years 12 and 13
3.05 pm. – Years 10 and 11
3.10 pm – Years 8 and 9
3.15 pm – Year 7
(Siblings will be allowed to leave together at the earlier time slot).

Wednesday 11th February

7.00 pm – 9.30 pm - First performance at Braywick Leisure Centre

Thursday 12th February

7.00 pm – 9.30 pm - Second performance at Braywick Leisure Centre

(Performers must arrive by 6.30 pm on both days)

Pupils are responsible for bringing all the costumes and accessories they will need for all the routines they are involved in. They are aware of what they need to bring, but must check with the PE Department if unsure.

If your child is in the show we would be grateful if you could give your permission for her to participate in the show and rehearsals, as well as be photographed and filmed, by filling out the permission form via this link [2026 Gym and Dance Show – Fill in form](#) by **Friday 16th January 2026** at the very latest. Permissions must be given via the above Microsoft form otherwise pupils will not be permitted to attend rehearsals or participate in the show.

It is also important that you advise us if there have been any changes to your child's medical circumstances since our last data collection, or if your contact details have changed.

Show fee

We are asking all participants in the show to pay a show fee of £10. This will cover the cost of a finale t-shirt for each performer and it will also cover some costumes and accessories. Additionally, it will go towards sound, lighting, music production and general show costs. To make payment please log in to your iPayimpact account via the app or at <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn> and select 'Gym & Dance Show 2026 Show Fee'. The deadline for payment is **Friday 16th January 2026**. Please note that all contributions are non-refundable.

Please note that we do not wish any student to be unable to participate in the show due to financial reasons. Please do contact me at school if this is the case or if you have any concerns.

Tickets

This year we will be selling tickets through Ticketsource and these are due to go live on **Monday 26th January 2026**. Tickets will be £10 each, payable through Ticketsource, and as seats will be numbered you will need to ensure that you purchase all seats that you require at the same time to ensure that you are able to sit next to other friends and family members. Last year tickets sold out in less than a day, and many families missed out on the opportunity to see their child perform, so this year we are limiting tickets to 3 per family in the first instance. If there are still tickets available at the end of the first week of sale, then you will be able to purchase more tickets after this. Further information about ticket sales will be emailed prior to the 26th January.

Yours sincerely



Miss M Claxton
Head of PE

