

Newlands Girls' School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Gym and Dance Show – Wednesday 12th February and Thursday 13th February 2025

This year's Gym and Dance show takes place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7.00 pm at Braywick Leisure Centre. This show will involve approximately 400 pupils 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 as part of one of the following acts there is some important information about the show and its rehearsals in this letter.

Show acts:

Gym – Junior Gym, Senior Gym, Gym Squad
Dance – Junior Dance, Senior Dance, Dance Company, Evolve, Interhouse and 7B, 7C, 7F and Y11 class dances
Cheer – Junior Cheer, Senior Cheer
Successful auditioned acts
Performing Arts Choir – Junior and Senior

The following are the times when we will need all 400 participants together for rehearsals or performances and it is essential that **all** participants attend **both** of the following:

Wednesday 5th February 2025

3.05 – 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 p.m. – Years 12 and 13

5.50 p.m. – Years 10 and 11

5.55 p.m. – Years 8 and 9

6.00 p.m. – Year 7

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

Tuesday 11th February 2025

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 girls 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 p.m. – Years 12 and 13

3.05 p.m. – Years 10 and 11

3.10 p.m. – Years 8 and 9

3.15 p.m. – Year 7

(Siblings will be allowed to leave together at the earlier time slot).

Wednesday 12th February 2025

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

Thursday 13th February 2025

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

(Performers must arrive by 6.30 p.m. 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 Microsoft form at this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/QxD96Pww4d> by **Friday 24th January 2025** 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.

Finale t-shirts

All students in the show will participate in the finale at the end of the show each evening. For this we order in specially designed t-shirts for the students to wear which they will get to keep as a memento from the show.

We are asking for a £5 payment for each performer which will cover the cost of the T-shirt and additional show costs. This year we would like to ask all parents and carers to pay for this via sQuid. Please go to <https://portal.squidcard.com/> and log on to your child's sQuid account. Select the 'School Trips and Offers' purse. Select 'Gym & Dance Show 2025 Finale T-Shirts' and follow the instructions. The deadline for payment is 24th January 2025.

Tickets

This year we will be selling tickets through the online platform Ticketsource and these are due to go live at 9am on Monday 27th January. Tickets will be £10 each, payable through the Ticketsource website, 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. Further information about ticket sales will be emailed prior to the 27th January 2025.

Yours sincerely



Miss M Claxton
Head of PE



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

