

Newlands Girls' School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Gym and Dance Show – Wednesday 7th February and Thursday 8th February 2024

This year's Gym and Dance show takes place on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.00 p.m. at Braywick Leisure Centre. This show will involve approximately 400 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 – either as a member of one of the gym, dance or cheerleading clubs that have choreographed routines, as part of her class or house dance, or has been successful in auditioning a piece - there is some important information about the show and its rehearsals in this letter.

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 31st January

3.05 – 6.00 p.m. - First costumed run through in Newlands' Sports Hall.

Due to the high number of participants departing at 5.45 p.m., students 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, or using the Newlands Drive entrance to ease congestion around the main entrance.

Tuesday 6th February

8.30 a.m. – 3.15 p.m. - Full dress and technical rehearsal at Braywick Leisure Centre.

Students should go straight to Braywick in the morning where they will be registered. Students can arrive from 8.00 a.m. and must wear either their costume, or their PE kit. Students 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 students 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).

For the full dress and technical rehearsal on Tuesday, please could your child also bring £5 in cash with them to contribute towards a Finale t-shirt.

Wednesday 7th February

7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. - First performance at Braywick Leisure Centre

Thursday 8th February

7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. - Second performance at Braywick Leisure Centre

(Performers must arrive by 6.30 p.m. on both days)

Students 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 via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RB8E4iPyKr> by **Friday 19th January 2024** at the very latest. Permissions must be given

via this Microsoft form otherwise students 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.

Tickets

This year we will be selling tickets through an online platform and these are due to go live on Monday 22nd January. Tickets will be £10 each, payable through the online platform, 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 22nd January.

Costume Requirements

Year 8/9 Cheer

White trainers

White ankle socks

Black school skirt

Red PE shirt

Junior Dance

Plain pink dress or t shirt and either white or pink shorts, skirt or skirt.

Junior Gym

Supplied by us – pupils to bring £5 to the club on Tuesday.

Oliver – 7A, 7B & 7F

Dark trousers that can be rolled up above the ankle e.g. cargo, combat, school trousers or jeans.

White school shirt – dirtied!

Braces if possible – not compulsory

Senior Gym

Black long sleeved top and black shorts. No Nike Pros.

Senior Dance

Black and camo combinations. Leggings, tops, combat trousers etc.

Dance Technique

Black tights 40 denier or below, footless or cut out toes.

Black leotard

£1.50 for hat

Year 10 Dance

Football kit, including long socks and clean trainers. School black shorts are fine. Any team allowed!

Finale

Black shorts/leggings

£5 for T shirt to be brought on Tuesday 6th February.

House Dances

All houses to wear black shorts or leggings with their house t shirt. Earhart to wear PJ bottoms.

Any other routine not mentioned above, the performers should know what they need.

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.

