

School Musical Announcement

Dear Parents and Pupils,

In the light of current guidelines on Theatrical performances in the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic, changes have been made to the intended delivery of this year's school musical, 'Chicago'.

- 1.) Performances: The show is scheduled to run for four performances from 2nd - 5th December 2020. If this is not possible an alternative date of the last week of the academic year in July 2021 will be allocated.
- 2.) Cast: A maximum of 50 pupils to enable the safe delivery of rehearsals. Additional performance opportunities will be available throughout the year to accommodate all who wish to be in a production.
- 3.) Exam Year Groups: Pupils with external exams in the coming year exam year need to balance their commitments against the need for revision. The demands on time will have little impact as the plan is to have the production completed by December. If this is delayed until July, a single weekly rehearsal will keep the production moving until performance time.
- 4.) Moonrakers: If you are in the 3rd form, you will not be able to perform in the production if it is moved to July because Moonrakers had to be booked for the same week. We apologise for this, but the shortened Summer term in 2021 means activities need to be condensed into fewer weeks. If the production is in December, it is unlikely you will be cast in a principal role to take account of the possible change of performance date.
- 5.) Seating: Alternative arrangements may be needed regarding seating arrangements and audience numbers. This will depend on advice and guidance regarding large gatherings of people. If the impact of restrictions is too great, the production will be moved to July.
- 6.) Auditions: Online auditions will be held after the half term break for all that wish to participate, including new pupils. Details can be found in the 'Auditions' Document.

We understand this change to the usual approach may disappoint some people. However, in these testing times for the wider Performing Arts industry and our school community, the safety and wellbeing of the pupils remains our priority.

Please email any questions you may have to c.walker@dauntseys.wilts.sch.uk.

We hope to see you all soon,

Mr Walker (Director)

Mr Harris (Musical Director)