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Hannah Rowlands: Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son/daughter opted to follow a course at Key Stage 4 in Performing Arts. The course itself requires students to complete some elements of practical performance, written coursework and then a controlled assessment. Students are currently completing Component 2, entering their coursework and performance videos for assessment on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This Component requires students to learn a professional choreography or perform a piece of professional theatre. They must do this through the form of workshop learning and written review. The Component itself is called “**Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts**” and consists of a perfect replication of a piece of professional performance. Students already know whether they are replicating a Dance performance from The Nutcracker! or a Drama performance from DNA.

The dates for this component to be carried out and formally assessed are:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Period 5 lesson and Victory hour 3:15-4:15pm  
Component 2 – Evaluation of skills and techniques in performance.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Period 1 Drama students  
Component 2 – Drama final performance recording for submission.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Period 2 Dance students  
Component 2 – Dance final performance recording for submission.

Can I please ask that you help us to ensure that your child is fully prepared for these sessions – with 100% attendance, correct kit/costume for the lessons, and a readiness to perform to the best of their ability. We know that our students are excellent dancers and actors, and so we want to ensure that they really do shine and have evidence that reflects their hard work and dedication.

If your child is unwell for any reason on these dates, please let me know at the earliest convenience so that we are able to put things in place to cover any time that is lost.

Regarding the victory hour attendance, most students are participating in our school showcase on this date, and will therefore remain in school for the evening. If you envisage a problem with this session, please do let me know. There will be a late bus running at 4:30pm for students who require transport home. Students have also been informed if their work has been selected by the examiner for moderation, so for these students in particular, I am keen to support them to attend all sessions.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely,

**Kathryn Rodway**  
Head of Performance

