



Friday 23 January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Enrichment Wider Opportunity in Drama

The Drama Department are running a performance project with Highly Sprung Theatre Company. We are inviting KS3 students to participate. The Physical Fellowship Festival challenges young performers to engage in an intensive devising process, over two artist residency days in school with Highly Sprung artists, to create a 20-minute piece of thought provoking and inspiring physical performance to showcase their talents as part of the festival week. It is an excellent opportunity to experience live theatre whilst developing an understanding of the drama strategies they learn and can apply throughout their Drama studies.

On Wednesday 17 June and Thursday 18 June students will spend two days working with a Highly Sprung Director towards a performance piece. The artist will be able to offer practical insights into the devising process and physical theatre techniques to develop performance material. Students will wear their PE kit for these workshops and need to bring a bottle of water. Tutor time, break and lunchtime will be timetabled as normal. **Students will then be expected to commit to an extra rehearsal on Tuesday 23 June to continue rehearsing in preparation for the performance.**

The performers will spend a day at the Belgrade Theatre on Thursday 25 June where students will be involved in all day workshops with professional theatre companies during the morning. Students will have a technical rehearsal in the afternoon followed by a dress rehearsal in preparation for a public performance at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry, in conjunction with other local secondary schools and Highly Sprung Performance Company.

A minibus will take the group to the Theatre on Thursday 25 June for the Physical Fellowship Workshops and technical rehearsal. You will need to make the necessary arrangements to collect your child from the Belgrade Theatre after the performance which is due to finish at approximately 9pm. Please ensure your child wears appropriate loose clothing for the all-day practical workshop and brings a packed lunch and a dinner for the workshop, rehearsal and performance. Students will be required to stay at the theatre after the technical rehearsal until the evening performance has finished.

There is a contribution of £35.00 towards the cost of the event. Payment and permission is required via ParentPay www.parentpay.com by Friday 24 April. Refunds are not possible if students are later unable to participate. Students will be expected to behave appropriately at all times and attend the extra rehearsals in order to retain their place in the performance. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Tickets for Thursday 25 June will be on sale via The Belgrade Theatre so, if you wish to attend, please call the box office at The Belgrade to book tickets. You will need to give the name of the school upon booking as they have limited tickets to two per booking to start with. If you require more than this you will be added to a waiting list and they will make contact after 22 May to book further tickets.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour prior to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

In terms of medicine, parents/carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: [Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs](#). Parents/Carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 6. If you need a paper copy of the form provided for you, please ask me as the Visit Leader.

In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me dhill@northleamington.co.uk.

Thank you for your support



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