

2nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Performing Arts Department: English Touring Opera Workshop and Performance

To broaden their experience of job opportunities in the Performing Arts sector, a specially selected group of students have the opportunity to engage in a workshop with members of the English Touring Opera and to see a professional performance of *Pagliacci* at Storyhouse. **This fabulous opportunity is offered to our students free of charge.**

On Monday 27th April, our students will experience a workshop that explores how an Opera performance is created, introducing skills and techniques pertinent to creating a piece of Opera by the end of the day. The workshop will be delivered by professional performers and creatives from the English Touring Opera Company and will take place at school in the Studio and the Main Hall. Students are encouraged to wear practice blacks/PE kit.

On Tuesday 28th April, students will be transported on the school minibuses to Storyhouse to experience a backstage tour, taking in the final rehearsal and preparation for a public performance. Students will then watch a professional performance of *Pagliacci* – again, this is **free of charge**. **Students will require a packed lunch and evening meal. School uniform must be worn for this event.**

Please note that parents and carers are responsible for students returning home after the event. Please indicate on Parentpay whether you will be collecting your child, or if you give them permission to leave on their own. The production is estimated to end at approximately 9.15pm, with students ready to be collected at 9.30pm.

Please read and complete the attached form and return to school to enable your child to participate in this amazing opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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