

Dear Parents / Carers,

8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your son/daughter to take part in the 'Wey Valley's Got Virtual Talent Show.' Due to Covid restrictions we are taking our show online this year to be broadcast via the school website across a number of nights during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December. In order to take part in the show we will be running a series of online auditions for students.

Students of all years are invited to submit a video of their intended performance; the performance should be to a high standard and could include costume and props. Once filmed the piece should be uploaded to One Drive using student login details and shared with Mr Mullender. The videos should be in a common format such as mp4 or AVI.

Items will mainly be solos. Duets or small groups can only happen if students are in the same family. All rehearsals will need to take place at home. Pieces can include music, dance, drama, magic, stand-up comedy or similar variety acts. **Audition pieces will need to be uploaded and shared by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

A panel of judges drawn from school staff will review the audition pieces and students will be notified as to whether they have been successful by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

Successful students will then be invited to film their performance to a more professional standard at a specified time after school in the Will Mackaness Hall **week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

This performance will need to be thoroughly rehearsed in full costume, with any props.

If the performance requires music this should be submitted prior to filming either by email or memory stick. The use of phones during filming will not be allowed. If students require support preparing their music, please speak to Mr Mullender at least five days prior to filming.

Any specific staging requirements should be notified in advance of final filming.

The slots will be timetabled according to staging requirements and if a student fails to attend their given time they may not be included in the final show as deadlines are tight.

This performance will include stage lighting, sound, and should be to a high standard, this will be used as the student's contribution to the show. This is not rehearsal time, the only likely changes may be due to different staging requirements in the Will Mackaness Hall at staff discretion.

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I do hope you will be able to support the show and enjoy a night of Christmas spirit which students will have worked hard to produce. May I also ask you to sign and return the pro-forma giving your son / daughter permission to perform in the show.

Yours sincerely,




Mrs J. Ashmore

Assistant Vice Principal



Mr. Mullender

Teacher of Music



Miss N Smith

Teacher of Drama/Dance

To Mrs J. Ashmore / Mr Mullender

Christmas Variety Show, week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

I give permission for: ..... Tutor Group:.....to perform in the show. I understand the show will be broadcast online, therefore our son/daughter has permission to be filmed.

Student name ..... tutor group.....

Signed (parent/carer) .....

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