

THE DRAMA COMPANY PERFORMERS WELCOME PACK

WELCOME TO THE NEXT SEASON OF THE DRAMA COMPANY PERFORMERS – CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL FOR GAINING A PLACE IN THE GROUP FOR THE NEXT YEAR!

With all of our rehearsal sessions and shows based at The Larruperz Centre, Ross On Wye, we meet every week during term time to build our skill bases surrounding drama and performance and rehearse our annual large scale productions which are open to the public during the upcoming year.

COMMITMENT TO DCP

It is very important that all of our cast members are sure they can give the group the commitment it needs and this decision needs to be taken now. Outlined below is an overview of what the future will involve as far as we can plan in our current situation! We would ask that you are sure you can commit to all of this now and are enthusiastic about jumping on board this exciting new journey. It is important a full commitment is made from the start in order to get the best DCP experience possible and this involves being willing and ready to join us every Sunday for rehearsals and workshops. Whilst it is very important our members join us every week, please do make sure to let us know if you are unable to attend a session due to illness.

This term from September onwards we will be bonding as a group, doing some drama workshops and working on a very mini showcase to show parents at some point when we can in March 2021. There will be no pressure of rehearsals etc for this term – I just want us to enjoy being together.

APRIL TO NOVEMBER

From the Spring term of 2021 (April onwards) the plan is ... our session times will increase to 2pm to 6pm each week until July as this is when we begin to rehearse our main production. We will finish for the Summer at the end of July and return again at end of August. From September onwards, rehearsals will mainly run from 12 – 6pm on Sundays, with some longer days (10am—6pm) too. Again, closer to show week, there is likely to be at least one mid week rehearsal. Our main show falls in early November 2021 and this will be the play Julie and I have written for the group

You will be given a full schedule in due course but this gives you some idea of the commitment involved. Everyone is expected to attend rehearsals and pull together to make the main annual production as successful as it possibly can be but that will not be until NOVEMBER 2021! We have an exciting year and a bit planned and look forward to sharing our ideas with you in the near future.

IMPORTANT PERFORMANCE DATES

As a new DCP member you have gained your role in this years production and it is very important that you check you are available for the proposed show dates and keep these free from now on.

We would like to make it clear that the new Drama Company Performers Sunday group will be run entirely by volunteers meaning Sarah, Julie and Mel will NOT take any payment for running this group and all monies will go into the fund for our shows. All money we fundraise and all fees go into 'The Production Pot' with the sole purpose of funding future productions and equipment and we run as a not for profit organization with the purpose of building the confidence and skill bases of our young members as they grow with us into young adult performers. We love what we do, which is why we do it and why we do it well!

WEEKLY SESSION FEES

Our sessions will run every Sunday during term time at The Larruperz Centre, Ross On Wye. We charge per session and these fees are payable in termly installments. The fee per session is £6.00, however this covers ALL year round, regardless of the length of session each week. If you do our Tuesday sessions as well for the AUTUMN TERM only at this stage your fees will be reduced to £3.00 per session.

ALREADY A DRAMA COMPANY MEMBER?

DCP IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION

If you are already a member of The Drama Company attending our Tuesday classes from September, we are happy to offer a discounted rate on fees of £8 per week for both your Tuesday DC class and your Sunday DCP session. It is important to us that what we offer is still accessible to everyone, regardless of financial situation or experience and feel that we still offer great value for money with regards to our mid week classes and DCP Sunday sessions.

SCRIPTS

A large financial outlay when putting on productions involves the costs of printing or purchasing scripts and therefore we will have to ask each member to pay for their own scripts for each show from now on. Whilst this is an additional cost, this will only be required once in the year costing approximately a total of £10, however the children will of course be able to keep and treasure their script afterwards. Not payable until at least January 2021

UNIFORM

At The Drama Company it is compulsory that all members wear a red Drama Company tshirt or hoodie, so it will be required for members who do not yet have any uniform to purchase some. Our uniform can be bought directly from Gooch Sports in Newent - simply order and pay over the telephone and we will collect your uniform order for you when it is ready (approximately 7 days turnaround). It is important to state that we do not make a profit from the sales of Drama Company uniform, but feel it important our members have a shared sense of identity and that for safeguarding purposes uniform is worn so our members are easily recognisable when working in such a busy and large setting. hence why we have made uniform compulsory for members. A uniform order form can be found for your use later in this pack.

FUNDRAISING

Each show costs around £2500 to put on and unfortunately, session fees do not cover this cost alone! During the course of the year, we put on many fundraising events to help towards keeping DCP running. Our Pop Up Shop event, held once a year for two weeks, raises much needed funds by selling unwanted donations of clothes, bric-a-brac and toys/books/games. Our DCP Sleepover 2021 is an exciting Summer event, offering plenty of fun, food and games for our members. All of these fundraiser events will generate much needed revenue to pay for additional things that make our shows shine such as performing rights, set, props, lights, make up, costumes and publicity. If you have any other amazing fund raising ideas for us then please do let us know!

CONTACT DETAILS

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CONTACT LARRUPERZ CENTRE OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY REASONS ONLY**

THE DRAMA COMPANY PERFORMERS MEMBERS FORM

NAME OF CHILD/DREN: DOB AND AGE:

NAME OF SCHOOL: YEAR GROUP AT SCHOOL:

CHILDS HOME ADDRESS:
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HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PARENTS/CARER'S NAME/S:

PARENTS/CARER'S ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT TO ABOVE):
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PARENTS/CARER'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME/S:

EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:

NECESSARY MEDICAL INFORMATION/ALLERGIES:

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

As a paperless organisation, it is important we are able to contact you. However due to GDP regulations, we ask for your permission for the Drama Company to hold your personal email, telephone and address details on file for contact purposes needed within The Drama Company whilst your child is a member of our group. We will not pass on your details to any third parties at any time and you can declare your wishes to retract permission at any time. I/we give my/our permission for my contact details to be kept on file by The Drama Company and I understand I can withdraw my permission at any time should I wish to.

Signed:..... Print name:..... Date:.....

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY DURING DRAMA COMPANY SESSIONS

Permission to take and use photos/video footage for PR purposes during sessions for The Drama Company Website and social media. I/we give my/our permission for photos and or video to be taken of our child/children during rehearsals and performances for website and social media use:

Signed:..... Print name:..... Date:.....

FACE PAINTS AND TEMPORARY TATTOOS

Permission to use face paints and temporary tattoos on your child during Drama Company Performers sessions and performances. I/we give permission for face paints to be used during Drama Company sessions:

Signed:..... Print name:..... Date:.....

FIRST AID ADMINISTRATION FOR MINOR INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS

Permission to administer First Aid for accidents and minor injuries if it is required. All Drama Company Performers staff leaders are Paediatric First Aid trained. I/We give permission for First Aid to be administered if necessary:

Signed:..... Print name:..... Date:.....