

4 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE Drama Workshop of Blood Brothers - Monday 4 November 2019

We are pleased to be holding a GCSE Drama workshop on the set text 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell on Monday 4 November 2019. The workshop will enable students to gain a practical understanding of the play ready for their component 3 Drama GCSE exam.

The half-day masterclass is delivered in either AM or PM sessions. The session on 'Blood Brothers' begins with a physical warm up. There is a thorough exploration of characterisation and we look at the challenges presented to an actor when having to play various ages from the seven-year-old up. There will also be a plot overview and talk in detail about Willy Russell and life in Liverpool at the time the play was set. The second part of the session begins with blocking the beginning of the show to the ghostly, macabre feeling overture, then changing the mood we go seamlessly in to 'Marilyn Monroe' reference and ends with students performing key scenes of the play that they can use in their written exam.

We are asking for a £5 donation towards the cost of the workshop, the remainder of the cost will be covered by the Drama Department.

"A fantastic afternoon spent with "Stage-ed". It's obvious that the work they are doing really inspires and engages with the students. These boys put as much energy and enthusiasm into their workshops as they put into their performances on stage and I would recommend their workshops to any school." – Willy Russell.

Please hand in the reply slip and return to Mrs Toohey-Knowles by 1 October 2019 along with a £5 contribution.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Toohey-Knowles

Head of Performing Arts and the House System

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS TOOHEY-KNOWLES BY 1 October 2019

I give permission for my son/daughter _____ to attend the 'Blood Brothers' Workshop on 4 November 2019.

I enclose a £5 donation towards the cost of the Workshop.

Signed _____ Date _____