

September 2010

Dear Parent

Shakespeare School Festival

Your child has been invited by the Drama department to take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The Shakespeare Schools Festival is a nationwide event which involves 500 secondary schools performing 30 minute abridged versions of Shakespeare's plays in professional theatre venues. As you can see this is an exciting opportunity for your child and will give them the chance of experiencing the workings of professional theatre, as well as performing outside the school environment. The play that Swanmore College of Technology will be performing is 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at The Point, Eastleigh.

I am writing to you to provide you with some key dates where your child will be out of college due to the festival.

- Friday 17 September 2010 – Cast Workshop at The Point, Eastleigh. 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

We will be leaving college at 12:45 pm in order to arrive at The Point on time. We will leave Eastleigh at 4.00 pm and return to college at approximately 4:30 pm. Your child will need to be in uniform for the day but should bring loose fitting clothes to change in to as the Workshop will be practical in nature.

- Friday 5 November 2010 – Technical/Dress Rehearsal at The Point, Eastleigh.. 9am – 12:30 pm.
- Performance 7.00 pm.

We would like to leave college at 8:15 am in order to arrive at the theatre on time. We are also due to perform on this date in the evening. We will be returning to college once the Technical and Dress Rehearsal have finished, and your child should bring the required equipment for Period 6. Arrangements will be made for transportation to and from the theatre in the evening but I will write and inform you of these nearer the time.

If you would like to come to Eastleigh to watch the college's performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' then tickets are on sale now at The Point's Box Office (023 80652333). Unfortunately tickets cannot be bought through the college. There will be three other schools performing on the same night so booking early is advisable.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Avery
Head of Drama

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Pupil: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the above event and give my consent to photographic and televised images being published as this event will be filmed by BBC Solent.

Signed _____ by Parent/Carer

Name: _____