DOWNSIDE SCHOOL

Re: Joint Musical Theatre Production

Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils of Year 5 & 6 at St Vigor and St John's School,

We are delighted to invite your child to take part in an exciting musical theatre opportunity. Following the wonderful success of *Oliver!* (2025) and *Mary Poppins Jr* (2026) in which the pupils of Downside School were joined on stage by pupils of St Vigor and St John's School we are once again planning a performance of a musical in March 2027. It is a truly transformative experience for all involved, and we are thrilled to be collaborating again.

I am excited to let you know that we have secured the rights for Matilda (Jr) and that it will once again be directed by Petra Schofield, our Head of Drama, with musical direction led by myself, Karen Randall, Director of Performing Arts.

Performance Dates: 18th, 19th, and 20th March 2027
Venue: Fleischner Theatre, Downside School

Weekly Rehearsals
Day: Wednesday
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Location: Fleischner Theatre, Downside School
Rehearsal Dates:

- 16th September
- 23rd September
- 30th September
- 7th October
- 14th October

No rehearsals on 21st & 28th October (Half term)

- 4th November
- 11th November
- 18th November
- 25th November
- 2nd December

Break for Christmas

- 13th January
- 20th January
- 27th January
- 3rd February
- 10th February

No rehearsal 17th February (Half Term).

- 24th February
- 3rd March
- 10th March

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The process of bringing a show to life requires commitment, teamwork, and dedication. We will be working hard during our weekly rehearsals, but to ensure the highest standard of performance, we also expect pupils to take responsibility for learning their lines, lyrics, and choreography at home between sessions. This independent preparation is essential and will allow us to make the most of our time together in rehearsals.

Additional Dates & Commitments

- Sunday 28th February– Full Company Rehearsal (1:00–6:00 PM)
- Friday 12th March – Full Company Rehearsal (6:30–9:00 PM)
- Sunday 14th March – Full Company Rehearsal (1:00–6:00 PM)
- Tuesday 16th March – Full Tech Rehearsal (5:30–9:00 PM)
- Wednesday 17th March – Full Dress Rehearsal (5:30–9:00 PM)
- Thursday 18th March – Performance 1 (Call Time: 6:00 PM, Show: 7:00 PM)
- Friday 19th March – Performance 2 (Call Time: 6:00 PM, Show: 7:00 PM)
- Saturday 20th March – Performance 3 (Call Time: 6:00 PM, Show: 7:00 PM)

Costumes & Props

A costume list will be sent home by Christmas and we may ask for you to provide basic items e.g., grey shorts/skirt, white school shirt etc.

Tickets

Tickets will be available from January via TryBooking. We will send further details via email in due course.

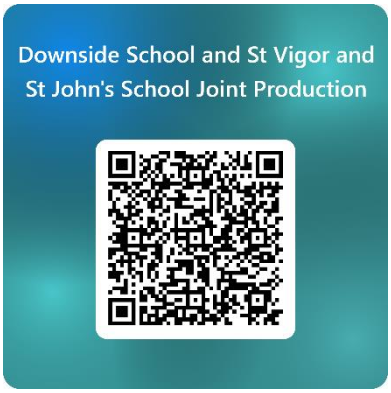
Photos & Filming

Please let us know if you do NOT give permission for your child to be included in any media.

Parent Consent and Emergency Contact Information

Please complete the online form for your child to take part in the production. They will not be able to attend rehearsals if this is not completed in advance.

Downside School and St Vigor and St John's School Joint Production – Fill out form



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Karen Randall or Petra Schofield

Email: krandall@downside.co.uk or pschofield@downside.co.uk

We very much hope your child will be able to join us on this creative journey.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Randall
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