SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to invite you to attend this year's dramatic performance of *Oliver!* which will be performed on: Thursday 21st March, Friday 22nd March at 7pm and Saturday 23rd March at 2.00pm and 7pm.

Come along and watch SHSB's production of Oliver. Join young, orphaned Oliver Twist as he navigates the London's underworld of theft and violence, searching for a home, a family, and for love. When Oliver is picked up on the street by a boy named the Artful Dodger, he is welcomed into a gang of child pickpockets led by the conniving, but charismatic, Fagin. When Oliver is falsely accused of a theft he didn't commit, he is rescued by a kind and wealthy gentleman, to the dismay of Fagin's violent sidekick, Bill Sikes. Caught in the middle is the warm-hearted Nancy, who is trapped under Bill's thumb, but desperate to help Oliver, with tragic results. With spirited, timeless songs like "As Long as He Needs Me," "Food, Glorious Food," and "Where Is Love," Oliver! is a musical classic.

Tickets cost £6.00. After covering the costs involved in the evening, proceeds from ticket sales go to fund the extracurricular work of the Drama department.

Tickets will be available to purchase on WisePay from Thursday 29th February at 8:30am, under 'Seat and Event Bookings' and individual seats can be selected. It is easier to book using the desktop version of WisePay. Please be patient when selecting 'View Details', do not refresh or reload the page, it can take a while for the hall seating plan to load. Please do not book seats on the balcony, they are reserved for staff only. Any bookings made in the balcony seats will be automatically cancelled.

<u>Please do not leave single seats when choosing seats for a family booking, this will ensure as many families as possible are able to sit together.</u>

Tickets are available to purchase until midday on the date of the performance.

Your confirmation e-mail is your ticket, please ensure you can display it on your phone or have a printed copy on arrival. Tickets are non-refundable and not transferrable between events. Refunds will only be made if the event is cancelled or rescheduled.

The quality and breadth of the education that we offer to our pupils depends, more than ever, on the generous support of our parents. If you would like to also make an additional voluntary donation to offer new opportunities for our young people, please consider adding a donation to your purchase under **'Donations'** on WisePay.











The PA will be running a bar in the dining hall where drinks can be purchased both before the concert and during the interval. There will also be a fundraising raffle.

Yours sincerely

Robin M Bevan

Headteacher