

Dear parents and carers

We are thrilled to be able to write to you with news about our latest school production. All families are receiving this letter but it will be of particular interest to those whose children would like to be part of the next whole school show - The Addams Family at The Castle School in February 2024.

We like to get started early at The Castle School as there is so much to organise. Over the coming weeks we will cast the show, book a professional set and start our rehearsals. We are very excited.

Every student who wants to be involved in The Addams Family will be welcomed and although we audition for the lead parts everyone will get a role. Your child might feel they want to be part of the wider team and students can be part of the following areas; member of the orchestra, technical crew, makeup and costume design, set and prop construction, stage crew and front of house. We plan to hold lead auditions the week beginning 2 May with ensemble auditions the week beginning 15 May – more information to follow.

Being a part of a school production creates lifelong memories for students at The Castle School. Leavers have often said being a part of the musical was one of the most rewarding experiences they had whilst they were here. Students from all years come together to focus on something they love and this is hugely rewarding for everyone involved. The support we have from our Castle families in the weeks and months leading up to the show plays a big part in the final product. We are very lucky!

I wanted you to have some key dates now so you can keep these free. The dates below are non-negotiable for those wanting to be part of the tech/stage crew and those performing as musicians or as part of the cast so please take time to double check them against prior commitments before auditions start.

Tech Rehearsal weekend: Friday 2 Feb (until late) Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 February 2024 9am – 6pm

Dress Rehearsal: Monday 5 February 2024 3:20pm – 9pm

Performances: Tuesday 6 February – Friday 9 February 2024 6pm – 10pm

Please sign and send in the slip below when your child auditions as an indication you have read and understood the commitment and dates.

Alternatively, use this link to give online consent.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Vmibihh8sT>

We are also looking for show sponsors. Having sponsorship for our school productions allows us to grow the production year on year. We welcome contact with anyone who would be interested in sponsoring The Addams Family. Please contact Sharon Fry on sfry3@castle.somerset.sch.uk if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Alexa Step & Nic Adams

Head of Performing Arts & Head of Arts Faculty

I have read and understood the dates my son/daughter will be needed for the next school production and am happy for them to audition.

Name of student:

Tutor Group

Name of parent/carer

Signature: