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Dear Parent/Carer

***Drama Component 1: Devised Performance – Shakespeare Change of Date***

We have taken the decision to change the date and format of our annual Year 10 Shakespeare Festival in order to better support the students' progress in the GCSE Drama course.

Under the new GCSE specification which came into effect in September 2016, our previous format no longer supports the demands of the new Component 1: Devised Performance. This requires students to complete a portfolio of evidence outlining their research, development process and evaluation of the final performance.

To ensure students have sufficient time for both this written evidence and rehearsals, the new dates of the Component 1 Shakespeare performances will be **Monday 26 June for Mrs Page's class and Wednesday 28 June for Miss Barnes' class**. They will take place during lesson time and will be performed to our prospective GCSE students in Year 9.

A copy of both this and the *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* performances will be made for your son/daughter to bring home.

Students will be required to attend their technical rehearsal which will be on Friday 23 June for Mrs Page's class and Tuesday 27 June for Miss Barnes' class. Students should only miss one lesson for this but must be available to stay until 4.30pm on their technical rehearsal day so we can ensure all groups are performance ready.

Students will also be expected to attend one after school rehearsal per week as agreed with their group, which they will be expected to complete as homework.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01277 238353 or [lwilkinson@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lwilkinson@st-martins.essex.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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