



# St Benedict's Catholic College

CDA/CSI

17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 9 GCSE Performing Arts - DramaFest 2024 at the Mercury Theatre**

I am excited to announce that year 9 drama students have been invited to perform in DramaFest 2024 hosted at the Mercury Theatre on the evening of **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. We will be performing a piece that we have devised ourselves on a theme supplied by the organisers.

This will create many learning opportunities for our GCSE students, from the experience of performing on a professional stage, practising the craft of devising which is 30% of the GCSE exam (this takes place in year 10) as well as working with other practitioners and schools.

Students will need to remain in college at the end of the day and walk (supervised) to the venue - approximately 20 minutes. They will need to come to college with a packed evening meal and drinks.

Students need to be collected at 8.30 pm from the Mercury Theatre foyer. It is advised to park in St Mary's car park as there is no parking directly outside the theatre.

If you would like to support your child at the event by attending the performance, you can purchase tickets by following [this link](#) to the Mercury Theatre website.

In order for your child to attend, please complete this [consent form](#)

In terms of costume, we have had a Performing Arts T-shirt designed. This is a black base colour and includes the college badge on the front. We would like our drama students to wear this for the event along with **plain black** bottoms, socks and trainers. The t-shirt can be worn in rehearsals for college, drama, music and dance events.

The t-shirt can be purchased from ParentPay and costs £13.95. The sizing is based on adult sizes and comes in XS, S, M, L and XL. **Purchases need to be made by 9.00 am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to ensure we receive them in time for the performance.** If you have difficulty purchasing this item at this time, please contact your child's pastoral lead by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May and we will endeavour to assist.

If you have any queries, please email me [c.davies@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](mailto:c.davies@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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