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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be directing this year's Midhurst Rother College production of **School of Rock!** Your child has selected to be a part of the show and has committed to using all their enrichment time rehearsing and preparing for the performances. I am delighted that we have so many students willing and wanting to be involved this year, it's really exciting!

The performances will be held on the evenings of **Thursday 16 May and Friday 17 May** in the **MRC Theatre from 7pm**. Tickets will be available to purchase (prices to be confirmed) from the beginning of March through the Arbor school shop. The students will also be performing to some of our local primary school students during the day on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

As with every production, it is vital that the students keep on top of learning their lines, choreography and songs that they are involved in, all of the tracks and script are available to them on Arbor. I would be very grateful if you, as their guardians, could check with them and support them in learning all of the content of the show.

Those of you who have had students involved in our productions before will know that two hours a week of rehearsal is never enough to complete an entire musical and therefore, we need to run some after-school rehearsals. So far, many after-school rehearsals have taken place with some of the named parts, but I now need to run our first whole cast rehearsal. This will take place on **Friday 2 February** from the end of the school day at **13:40 until 15:40**. I understand that there will be some exceptional reasons for students not being able to attend but I will ask that all students try their best to make it to this rehearsal.

There will be more rehearsals after school leading up to the show and I will also organise a Saturday all day rehearsal much nearer to the time. I will write to you ahead of all of these once I know where I am able to put them.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of your child being involved in the production, it's a big commitment for our students but it also falls to many of you to take them to and from rehearsals and performances, without this our production just couldn't happen.

If you would like to contact me regarding any of this, please email me on [kirsty.mills@mrc-academy.org](mailto:kirsty.mills@mrc-academy.org).

Yours sincerely

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