

1st October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Dance Live Competition 2025

Your child has expressed an interest in taking part in Dance Live 2025. Dance live is a dance/drama competition for schools and colleges across the UK. It is very similar to the competition Rock Challenge which the school has entered previous years. There are various roles for pupils to take part in from dancing, choreography, costume, set design, video production and stage management.

Our heat of the competition will take place at Portsmouth Guildhall on Wednesday 5th February. All pupils in the team will be invited to come on the trip, we will travel by coach to and from school. We will not return to school until very late on the evening of 5th February. There will be more information about the trip itself in January.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays after-school until 4.30 and run through until February for all teams. There is likely to be a rehearsal during the February half term holiday as well, which the performance team will need to be available for.

The fee to take part will be £35. This will cover the cost of travel arrangements, costume and a team t-shirt. This will be on School Gateway and can be paid in instalments of £10. Pupil Premium pupils will receive a discount.

Family and friends are invited to come and watch the performance at Portsmouth Guildhall in the evening. More details on how to book tickets will be sent out in due course.

Being a part of the Dance Live team is a privilege, your child will be representing our school at a major event therefore to ensure the team is the best it can be pupils with low attendance or poor behaviour may be asked to leave the team at any time.

This is a brilliant opportunity to meet professionals from the performing arts industry, spend the day in a theatre and meet other children from schools across the south coast. Your child has already signed up in school for the role they wish to take on.

If you are happy for your child to be a part of the Dance Live team, please can I ask that you complete the online consent form found here.

If you would like to find out more about the competition, please look online at https://dancelive.co.uk.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Blake Drama Teacher/ Head of Year 8