

Urmston Grammar School

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Dear Parent, Carers and Pupils,

We can hardly believe we have a little over a week of the year remaining, and hope you are looking forward to summer plans that allow time to slow down for a little while! We have been delighted with the continued growth of the Performing Arts departments at Urmston Grammar which will culminate in a wonderful celebration in our Performing Arts Evening on Monday 15 July, a small number of tickets remain via ParentPay, and we look forward to welcoming you there.

As this year draws to a close, we have made exciting plans for the new academic year and wanted to take this opportunity to share some aspects with you.

Extra-Curricular Schedule 2024-2025

In addition to our varied curricula, we will continue to offer a packed extra-curricular schedule. Regardless of experience, we would be delighted to encourage your child to participate in our activities in which life-long friendships are often made whilst supporting your child's development more broadly. Please see attached timetable for the year.

Productions 2024-25

Following on from this year's successful production of, 'Guys & Dolls', we are excited to announce TWO productions next year.

'DNA' by Dennis Kelly!

'The play revolves around A group of teenagers who have done something bad, really bad, then panic and cover the whole thing up. But when they find that their cover-up unites them and brings harmony to their once fractious lives, where is the incentive to put things right?'

Audition Information: Auditions will take place in the Theatre at 15.30-17.00 on Thursday 5 September. No preparation will be required. Open to all pupils in Years 8-12.

Rehearsal Information: Rehearsal will commence on Thursday 19 September 15.30-17.00 and will then run on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. There will be a weekend rehearsal on Saturday 18 January. A detailed schedule will be provided upon casting.

Urmston Grammar School - Headteacher: Mrs R S Wall
pride, participation, empathy

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Production Week: The week of the production will be week beginning Monday 3 February 2025. This will commence with a full cast and crew technical rehearsal on Sunday 2 February.

Please register interest here <https://forms.office.com/e/hxH7C6EDr8>

‘SHOWTIME!’

A selection of fabulous moments from our most loved Musicals!

Audition Information: Auditions will take place in the Theatre at 15.30-17.00 on Thursday 27 February. Audition preparation information to follow. Open to all pupils in Years 7-10 and Year 12.

Rehearsal Information: Rehearsal will commence on Thursday 6 March 15.30-17.00 and will then run on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school plus Monday lunchtimes. There will be a small number of weekend rehearsals. A detailed schedule will be provided upon casting.

Production Week: The week of the production will be week beginning Monday 7 July. This will commence with a full cast and crew technical rehearsal on Sunday 6 July.

Please register interest here <https://forms.office.com/e/YKaTUfyvh4>

Trips and Visits 2024-2025

Several exciting trips are in the calendar, with more to follow, at present the following are confirmed:

Year 8 and GCSE Drama Year 10/11 ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ at The Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester on Wednesday 9 October at 14.00 (Available via ParentPay)

Year 7 ‘Aladdin’ at the Liverpool Empire, Liverpool on Wednesday 18 December (Available via ParentPay from 1 September)

Year 9 ‘War Horse’ at The Regent Theatre, Stoke on Trent on Wednesday 5 March (Available on ParentPay from 1 October)

Year 10 GCSE Drama & Music ‘London Residential 2025’ 10-13 June (Available on ParentPay)

In addition to these external trips, we will be offering a range of National Theatre screenings- watch this space!

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Peripatetic Teaching

As an aspirational faculty, we hope to be providing students with several opportunities to extend their learning experience. To this end, please see attached information regarding our peripatetic lessons in Music and LAMDA ([Our Exams | London academy of music & dramatic art \(lamda.ac.uk\)](#))

We look forward to welcoming you all into the new academic year in September, and in the meantime, would like to wish you a happy and healthy summer break.

Kind Regards

Mrs Helen Glen (Head of Drama)

And

Ms Jo Langham (Head of Music)