



14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Whole School Musical – School of Rock – Technical Roles and Pit Band

Following a full week of student vocal and drama auditions for our first whole-school musical 'School Of Rock' we are now pleased to invite student interest for a range of technical (backstage) roles and the pit band.

### What are the technical (backstage) roles available?

Students who are currently in Yr 7-10 (during the 2020-2021 academic year) are invited to express interest for the following technical (backstage) roles:

- Sound and lighting
- Set design
- Costume
- Hair and makeup
- Media, publicity and promotion
- Catering
- Backstage crew

In order to express interest in one of the above technical roles, students will need to complete the following Microsoft Forms document:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KbjZ4RaYVEydnK3i2OOqbrLut46ecXpLmV1vsdDSLW1UMVdNV0MxMVpCUFFOWE5UT1kxUTNKTIFKSS4u>

Students have until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to express interest in these roles via the above document. Interested students will then be contacted during early next half-term, and asked to attend a meeting to confirm involvement.

### What are the pit band roles available?

In addition to the above roles, students are also invited to express interest for the pit band. The following roles are available in the pit band:

- Drums
- Bass Guitar
- Electric Guitar I, II and III
- Keyboard I and II
- (Additional roles may become available in the near future, but are yet to be confirmed).

In order to express interest in one of the above pit band roles, students will need to complete the same Microsoft Forms document as above.

Due to the nature of pit band musical performance, the above roles are only suitable for students who are of a Grade 3 (or above) standard in performance on these instruments. There is no requirement that students will have sat any formal music examinations to evidence this.

If you are applying to audition for a pit band role, in addition to completing the Microsoft Forms document above, please send a recording (audio or video) of you performing a piece of your choice on your instrument to [jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk) by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 to be considered for these roles.

A final pit band list of successful applicants will then be available on a noticeboard in the Music department, on a noticeboard outside the LRC for Yr 9 and in each House office, from 8am on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Final key information**

A detailed rehearsal schedule for the show will be confirmed over the next few weeks. However, it is likely to involve the following:

- There will be regular pit band rehearsals during June, July and from September.
- There will be regular technical role preparation sessions and rehearsals during June, July and from September.
- There will be a weekend technical rehearsal on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, between 09:00-17:00 each day.

The performance dates are:

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November (afternoon performance to local primary schools)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November (evening performance)
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (evening performance)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Newsome: [jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk) or Ms Seymour: [cseymour@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:cseymour@elycollege.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



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