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Dear Parent/Carer

School of Rock – Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd January 2022

I am delighted to be able to write to you to confirm that our upcoming whole-school musical will still be going ahead as planned. Our students and staff have worked exceptionally hard over recent months to prepare this show, and we are confident in our risk assessment that we are able to run this event in a COVID-secure way.

I am writing to outline the final arrangements and preparations for the performances.

Upcoming rehearsals

All students and parents have been contacted regarding our 'tech' rehearsal on Saturday 15th January via InTouch and Teams.

All students involved in the production will be involved in a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 18th January. All students are expected to meet in Needham's Hall at 10.30am for a quick briefing; we will be running Act 1 and 2 with a short break in-between for a cast lunch. Reduced school catering will be available during the cast lunch, but if it is possible for your son/daughter to bring a packed lunch we would appreciate this.

Actual performances

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, students are expected to return to site at 5.30pm and head straight into the entrance of Needham's Hall for registration, before moving to Needham's Gym to prepare for the show. Entrance will only be through the entrance at Needham's Gate car park. The estimated departure time of performers will be around 10.15pm, but we advise that your son/daughter has a mobile phone on them to be able to communicate this with you after the performances.

Parents, carers and guests are able to park in Needham's car park (through the Needham's Gate) from 5.30pm. No visitors will be able to enter Needham's Hall until 6.15pm. Prior to entering Needham's Hall, we will check purchased tickets prior to allowing entry, and we will hand out any pre-purchased programmes. We also kindly request that you provide proof of a negative LFD (via text message or through the COVID pass app). We will also be requesting that all visitors wear a face mask for the duration of their visit and regularly use hand sanitiser. When in Needham's Hall, it will be possible to purchase a programme, refreshments and raffle tickets, all of which can only be purchased through contactless card payment. Seating will be unallocated, and available on a 'first come, first serve' basis. The concert will begin at approximately 7.00pm.

As all three performances are sold out, there are currently no further tickets available. As a school community we are aware that the prospect of attending may make some members of public feel uncomfortable. While we will not be offering a refund for tickets, if you and members of your party are no longer wishing to attend, please can you contact: jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk to inform of this intention.

We are incredibly excited to share this performance with you next week.

Yours faithfully

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Mr J Newsome
Subject Lead Music

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Ms C Seymour
Subject Lead Drama



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