



16th September 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,

Shakespeare’s Hamlet Rehearsals: Mondays and Thursdays 3.15pm – 4.30pm

I am delighted to let you know that your child has successfully auditioned for a role in the Year 9 production of Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*, which we are putting on as part of the national Shakespeare Schools Festival. There was excellent competition for the roles and we are delighted to have a very strong cast.

This year, we will be performing, alongside other schools, at the **Pleasance Theatre** in Islington on **Wednesday 15th October 2014**, in the evening. We will give you further information regarding timings and tickets, closer to the date.

As time is very short, (just under 5 weeks) we will have to have a quite intensive rehearsal programme. The full rehearsal schedule is still being finalised and will be available next week. However, most rehearsals will be held on **Mondays and Thursdays from 3.15pm-4.30pm**

In addition students have the opportunity to take part in a workshop ran by professional actors during the school day on **Tuesday 23rd September 2014**. This is an exciting chance for students to develop their acting skills in advance of the performance. Please fill in and return the reply slip at the bottom of the letter.

The Cardinal Pole Drama Department has a long tradition of taking part in this festival – in fact we have only missed it once since we took part in the first festival, thirteen years ago. If you would like to know more or have any queries at all on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Laura Thomas

Laura Thomas
Head of Drama

Reply Slip

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Please complete and return the slip to Ms Thomas by **Friday 19th September 2014**:

I, the parent/carer of _____, in form, _____ agree to my child taking part in the Cardinal Pole Catholic School / School Shakespeare Festival production of *Hamlet*, at the Pleasance Theatre, Islington, on **Wednesday 15th September 2014** and allow them to take part in the workshop on **Wednesday 23rd September 2014**. I agree to ensure that my child is able to attend rehearsals on Mondays and Thursdays.

Name of parent/carer: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____