

Harrow Way Community School

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The Addams Family Musical Harrow Way's School Musical 2024

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Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

I am writing to confirm all the final **dates**, **times**, **ticket** and **costume information** you will need as we enter the final few weeks of rehearsals for this year's big school musical - **The Addams Family**!

Double Casting

As you may be aware, this year we have 'doubled' (two actors playing the same part) most of the main cast to give more students a chance to be involved. The students who are in those families have been split into **TWO CASTS - A and B**. **BOTH CASTS** - Some students are in both casts. **ANCESTORS** are required for all performances.

I would like both casts to attend all performances, in case of illness and to sing with the band.

<u>Dates</u>

Sunday 24th March - Get-in Day

10am to 12pm - Band Set-Up - Tech Club & Band members only.
12:30pm to 4pm - Sound Check & Music Rehearsal - Band, Techs & ALL CAST
Monday 25th March - Tech / Dress Rehearsal - 3pm to 6pm - ALL CAST
Tuesday 26th - Teachers' Matinee Performance - 3pm to 6pm - ALL CAST (CAST A)
Wednesday 27th - Portway Primary Matinee - During the school day - ALL CAST
(CAST B)
Wednesday 27th - Public Performance 1 - Cast Arrive 6pm - Show 7pm to 9pm
- ALL CAST (CAST A)
Thursday 28th - Public Performance 2 - Cast Arrive 6pm - Show 7pm to 9pm
- ALL CAST (CAST B)

Parents and Carers will be responsible for transporting their child to and from rehearsals and the performances.

















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Tickets

Tickets will be available for the public shows via the website TicketSource and will cost $\pounds 5$ for children and $\pounds 6$ for adults. I will email the link to all of you as soon as it is active. I will also put it in the weekly enews, the student bulletin, on the school's website and post it on our X (Twitter) feed.

Costume

Ancestors: The ancestors are all supposed to be the ghosts of long dead Addams' and therefore need to **dress as if they are from a range of time periods**. This means we can **dress as anything from cavemen to hippies and anything in between**. I will provide white face paint and cobwebs to make them seem as if they have been locked in their tombs for many years. At our next rehearsal I will have a range of historical outfits for the ancestors to try on but if you have anything at home that would be appropriate then that would certainly help. Think roman/greek togas (bed sheets), waistcoats and ragged trousers for Victorian street urchins, or even just a dark tie and their school uniform as a funeral suit - refresh all those skills you used when your child came home from primary school and said 'I've got to be an Edwardian tomorrow'.

Addams & Beinekes: I will give the two families a separate list of costume requirements. I have already found many bits and pieces but I am aware that you (and your child) will be the experts on what will fit so I might need you to find some pieces online and then send me the links so I can buy them - I've only got a small budget but I'm happy to buy what I can.

Costume Deadline: I'd like all costumes to be ready by **Thursday 21st March** so that we can rehearse in them and have time to make tweaks if necessary.

Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for all your support. It is not easy being an acting coach, costume designer and chauffeur all rolled into one but by helping your child to learn their lines/lyrics, find their costume and get to the show on time you are creating memories on which I am sure they will look back fondly.

I am immensely proud of all the students who have worked so hard on this show and I cannot wait for them to share their work with you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks again for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Manson Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts