

## LeAF Studio

Holloway Avenue, Bournemouth, Dorset BH11 9JW

Tel: 01202 578886

Email: studioschool@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk

Website: www.leafstudio.co.uk



**Principal: Mrs N Lapskas**

---

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the 2018 Rock Challenge Premier Final event in two weeks, here are (hopefully) the answers to any queries you may have. The event day is Saturday 28 April 2018 and your son/daughter will be at the Portsmouth Guildhall for the entire day.

**Day Rehearsals:** We will be having one all day rehearsals in addition to our normal rehearsal schedule, this will take place on Friday 27 April during the school day and will finish at approximately 16:00pm – students who get the mini bus home will need to make an alternative arrangement on this day. This is a compulsory rehearsal and ALL students must attend. We will be rehearsing in the MSC for this rehearsal. Uniform is required on Friday 27 April as this is a normal school day – students should also bring suitable dance clothing. If a student does not attend the rehearsal on Friday 27 April, they will not be permitted to attend or perform on Saturday at the Premier Final.

**Transport to and from the Portsmouth Guildhall:** As part of your son/daughters participation payment, this covered transport arrangements to the Portsmouth Guildhall on the morning of Saturday 28 April and if required, transport home. ALL students will travel together, with staff on coaches to the venue. By now your son/daughter should have informed us how they will be making their way home. If they have not, please ensure they do so as soon as possible. Students should arrive at LeAF Studio for 7:00am for a prompt departure at 7:10am. The event is scheduled to finish at 22:45pm, however, with any live theatre we cannot guarantee this is accurate. If your son/daughter is making their own way home with parents or friends, they must sign out with a member of LeAF staff before leaving the venue. Students travelling on the coach will be required to remain with LeAF staff to board the coach and travel back to LeAF Studio for collection by parent/carers at approximately midnight. Students will be prompted to contact parents when we are approximately 30 minutes away from school. We will, where possible, update our social media streams too.

**Dress Code on the Event Day:** All participants, both performers and stage crew must be appropriately dressed in black trousers/sports trousers/leggings – no jeans. All students have been issued their team tops and this should be worn along with their Rock Challenge/Performing Arts/Plain hoodie or jumper. Stage Crew must ensure they have/wear suitable footwear during the rehearsals and performance – no plimsolls/UGG boots/soft shoes etc. We also request that, unless otherwise informed all performers must wear their hair in two French plaits.

**Fake Tan/Make-up/Acrylic Nails:** Please be aware that fake tan and heavy make-up may damage costumes and therefore should not be worn on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 April. Acrylic nails are not permitted in school and should not be worn during rehearsals and performances due to health and safety.

**Medication/First Aid:** Pupils should bring any medication they may require on the day. It will remain the responsibility of the pupils, as accompanying staff are not permitted to keep or administer any medication, including over-the-counter pain relief. There will be a First Aid team at the venue during the event day should any incidents occur. If your contact details, your son/daughters medical needs or the first point of contact for your child have changed since the consent form was completed back in October, please contact us immediately so we can amend this.



**Tickets for the Show:** Tickets that have been booked through the school will be issued to students to bring home when they arrive at LeAF. PLEASE NOTE: THE SHOW STARTS AT **6.30PM** WITH DOORS OPENING AT **6.00PM**, parking can be a real trouble at the Guildhall, so please allow plenty of time for this. We would love to have a loud audience, so be ready to cheer loudly and show your support for our team. If you still wish to purchase tickets you can do so directly from the Portsmouth Guildhall.

**Ethos of Rock Challenge:** Rock Challenge is about encouraging participants to have fun and experience a natural high without the use of drugs or alcohol. The event is a 100% drug, alcohol and tobacco free event. Anyone found smoking, drinking alcohol or taking any other substances will lead to our team being disqualified and unable to place or win awards during the ceremony. We would advise any participants who do smoke to leave cigarettes at home so they are not tempted during the day. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the ethos of Rock Challenge. One of the most important things about events is the schools supporting each other - winning is great but being in it is even better! Any unsportsmanlike behaviour is not welcome and will not be tolerated at Rock Challenge events.

**Catering:** The Portsmouth Guildhall has no refreshment shop, so pupils should bring refreshments for the day. Students in Years 9 and 10 will **not** be permitted to leave the venue at all during the day. Year 11 and Post 16 students are permitted to leave the venue at a directed time. Energy drinks are not permitted. Students should also bring enough food and drink for the evening. It is a very long day so please ensure your son/daughter brings enough food and drink. Students can ask older students to purchase food them but this will be completed with the arrangement through students. Staff will not be involved with this.

**Valuables:** Staff cannot and will not be responsible for valuable items your child may choose to take to the Guildhall. We would strongly advise against pupils bringing mobile phones, MP3 players, games consoles and other electronic/valuable equipment. Likewise, since jewellery is not allowed on stage it should be left safely at home. We advise that if students are bringing money, that they bring no more than £15 to the event.

**Merchandise:** At the Guildhall there will be a stall selling Rock Challenge merchandise for example: T-shirts, lanyards, bags, charity wristbands, notepads, pens, and badges.

I hope that this has clarified procedures and answered any questions that you may have, but should you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me by calling 01202 578886 ext 0205 or email [glake@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:glake@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk)

I have attached a suggested checklist for the event day for you and your son/daughter to use in preparation for Saturday 28 April.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support you have given your child and the team throughout the 2018 Rock Challenge journey and hope to see many of you at the Guildhall.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr G Lake  
**Head of Dance & Production**



Miss B Aplin  
**Head of Drama & Musical Theatre**

**01202 578886 ext 0205**

## **Student/Parent Checklist for Saturday 28 April**

Team T-shirt and black trouser/sports trousers or leggings

Rock Challenge/Performing Arts/Plain hoodie/jumper

Stage Crew – black T-shirt, black trousers, black shoes. Coloured shoes may be worn during the day.

Performers – appropriate underwear

Pyjamas/Onesies – if students wish to wear these home

Hair brush/comb

Basic make up supplies

Facial wipes for removing make up

Hairspray, hair grips and hair bands

Packed lunch/tea – plenty of water and drinks (No energy drinks)

Snacks

Toiletries – deodorant, body spray

Sanitary products, if required.

Medication, if required

Money (optional) no more than £15