

LeAF Studio

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WE WON THE SOUTHERN PREMIER FINAL!

Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations! We are delighted that we have won the Southern Premier Final back on Saturday 28 June. This now means we compete at the National Final on **Saturday 14 July in Rotherham**. The Rock Challenge National Final only happens once every three years and this is where we see the best UK teams compete against each other for the prestigious title. Thank you to everyone who has supported our team so far.



Contribution towards the National Final: As we were unaware we would be lucky enough to perform at the National Final this year, your initial participation payment covered all aspects of the Bournemouth and Portsmouth events. To allow us to replenish hair and make-up supplies, provide transport and accommodation we are therefore requesting that each performer contributes a minimum of **£15** towards the National Final – parent/carers are welcome to make a larger donation should they wish too. This will allow us to complete all of the above and hopefully gain awards of excellence and a ranking place at the final. Where possible, through dedicated fundraising and donations LeAF will endeavour to subsidise most costs. Details of fundraising can be found below. Please make this payment via ParentPay or by cash/cheque.

Fundraising: As part of our journey to the National Final we will hold fundraising events to keep costs down for the performers. We will be holding a quiz night, selling copies of previous Rock Challenge performances and hopefully a few smaller fundraising activities. More details regarding the quiz night will follow shortly. Previous Rock Challenge performances can be obtained by bringing a memory stick to Mr Lake and paying **£1 per performance** you would like added. The performances we have available are:

- 2012 – Hiroshima (Bournemouth Heat, Portsmouth Open Final and Milton Keynes National Final)
- 2013 – Hillsborough Disaster (Bournemouth Showcase and Portsmouth Premier Final)
- 2014 – Can you see them now? Bus 174 (Bournemouth Showcase and Portsmouth Premier Final)
- 2015 – Perfectly Misplaced (Bournemouth Showcase, Portsmouth Premier Final and Milton Keynes National Final)
- 2016 – Shattered Reflection, Frozen Heart (Bournemouth Showcase and Portsmouth Premier Final)
- 2017 – This is NOT our home! (Bournemouth Showcase and Portsmouth Premier Final)
- 2018 – Through Innocent Eyes (Bournemouth Showcase and Portsmouth Premier Final)



We are also delighted to welcome parents to LeAF Studio MSC at 17:30pm on Thursday 12 July to watch the final dress run of our entry. The students are excited at this prospect and we hope many of you will join us. For the pleasure of watching our final run through we would like to ask parents, supporters and friends donate a minimum of £2 on the evening. There will be buckets and collectors at the door. Please feel free to bring a small group of people with you. We will obtain a rough number from the students during our rehearsals or you can let me know on the Supporters Facebook page.

Should you wish to launch your own fundraising event, please contact Mr Lake initially via telephone or email as any support would be gratefully appreciated.
GLake@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk or 01202 578886 ext 0205.

We would like to thank KKS Mortgage & Financial Services, Hearnes Estate Agents (Ferndown) and our other donators some of whom wish to remain anonymous for their very kind contributions towards our nationals fundraising! So far a whopping total of £4150 (at the time of letter going to print). We have to fundraise almost £10000 to get to nationals so all support with our fundraising would be very much appreciated.

Please continue to share and donate via our GOFUNDME webpage which is <https://www.gofundme.com/leafstudiorockchallenge>

Rehearsals: Due to Spotlight '18 rehearsals beginning we will only have a limited number of Rock Challenge rehearsals in the lead up to the National Final. The dates of these will be as follows:

- **Thursday 24th May 4-6pm Rock Challenge rehearsal**
- **Thursday 21st June 4-6pm – Rock Challenge rehearsal**
- **Thursday 12th July - All day Rock Challenge rehearsal**

We may also hold a rehearsal on **Saturday 7 July** should we required additional time. Details of this will follow in due course.

If a student does not attend the rehearsals above and more importantly on Thursday 12 July, they will **not** be permitted to attend or perform on Saturday at the National Final.

Transport to the Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham: It has been decided that the performers and crew involved with our entry must travel to Rotherham together, this is to allow for team morale to be at its best. We will travel to Rotherham by coach on **Friday 13 July** and stay in a hotel together – hotel accommodation has now been booked and the fundraising events and your contributions will cover the cost of transport and the hotel.

Transport home from Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham: After what will be an incredibly long weekend we understand many parent/carers will want to remain in Rotherham and travel home on the Sunday. These arrangements must be made by parent/carers, however we must be informed of this at your earliest convenience. For any students who will not remain in Rotherham with a parent/carer we will be arranging a coach back to LeAF Studio. We must be informed of your decision as soon as possible to ensure we allow for those travelling home immediately after show to have a place on the coach. Please let me know on the form attached.

On Friday 13 July, students should arrive at LeAF Studio and we will depart to Rotherham around midday (time to be confirmed in due course). 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 2:30am. 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 from Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 July. 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: The school ticket allocation is now sold out. You may be able to purchase tickets directly from the venue if they go on public sale. If available tickets will go on public sale on Monday 2nd July, to book after this date you will be required to visit:

<https://www.seetickets.com/event/2018-rock-challenge-national-final/magna-science-and-adventure-centre-rotherham/1193933>

Please note: See Tickets charge an admin fee per ticket of £1.35 in the public sale period.

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: Students will be provided with an evening meal on Friday 13 July when we arrive in Sheffield. There are no shops or food outlets within short walking distance of the Rock Challenge venue. so pupils should bring refreshments for the day. Students will therefore **not** be permitted to leave the venue at all during the day. 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 for the weekend.

Valuables: Staff cannot and will not be responsible for valuable items your child may choose to take on our trip to Rotherham. 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 £25.

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

Supporters T-shirt: By popular request we will happily make an order of supporters team t-shirts, these are available in small, medium, large, XL, XXL, 3XL and 4XL and cost **£11.00**. Please make payment via ParentPay or cash/cheque and complete the attached form. Should you wish to

purchase more than one t-shirt please note this on the attached form and send a cheque or cash for the amount into LeAF for Mr Lake's attention.

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

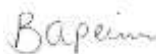
I have attached a suggested checklist for the event day for you and your son/daughter to use in preparation for our trip to Rotherham.

We 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 Magna Science Adventure Centre.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr G Lake
Head of Dance & Production
01202 578886 ext 0205



Miss B Aplin
Head of Drama & Musical Theatre

Student/Parent Checklist for Friday 13 and Saturday 14 July

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
Hair brush/comb
Toothbrush/tooth paste
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, shower/bath products
Sanitary products, if required.
Medication, if required
Money (optional) no more than £25

Military – 23" black hair extensions and 2 cans of black coloured hair spray

<https://m.ebay.co.uk/itm/Hot-Natural-Clip-In-As-Human-Remy-Hair-Extensions-Pony-Tail-Wrap-On-Ponytail-M4O-/292245387714?varld=591156581223&txnid=1524183747019>

Stripes – 2-3 white swimming caps, to allow for the breakages. If a students swimming hat breaks and they do not have a spare, they will not be able to go on stage.

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Unisex-Adult-Kids-Children-Swimming-Pool-Cap-Silicone-Swim-Hat-Waterproof-Shower/141694054439?var=440830620423&hash=item20fd9fb027:g:tZwAAOSw9eVXVoXx>



Please return to **Mr Lake** at LeAF Studio

Consent & Contribution

Student name:..... Year.....

I extend my initial consent for my son/daughter to be involved with the Rock Challenge National Final.

My son/daughter will require the LeAF arranged transport back to LeAF Studio

My son/daughter will be collected from Rotherham after the competition ends

Please tick as appropriate

I have made the minimum contribution of **£15** via ParentPay.

I will make the minimum contribution of £15 via ParentPay by.....(insert date)
– this must be made before **14 June 2018**.

I have made an additional contribution of £..... via ParentPay.

Signed..... Date.....

Supporters T-shirt Order Form - OPTIONAL

I would like to order _____ supporters t-shirt in size(s) (circle as appropriate)

SMALL MEDIUM LARGE XL XXL 3XL 4XL

Student name.....

I have made payment of **£11** via ParentPay.

I have sent the total amount of £_____ to LeAF for the supporters t-shirts