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Letter 11

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12/13 Drama Live Stream of 'Romantics Anonymous' – Friday 25th September 2020

Part of the A Level Drama and Theatre Studies course demands that students see as much live theatre as possible, to inform their studies and to allow them to answer Section C of the written examination.

In these unprecedented times, most theatres remain closed and COVID restrictions mean the department would not be comfortable, as yet, in taking students to see what little live theatre is available.

However, this Friday evening (25th September), Emma Rice's company 'Wise Children', will be streaming their production of 'Romantics Anonymous' from Bristol Old Vic. I have purchased a group ticket which enables us to stream this live in PA3/4 (drama studio).

Mr Hassell has agreed that we can safely socially distance in PA3/4, while enjoying this production together. As this is a school event, we are also exempt from the 6 person rule. We will take all necessary precautions to keep safe.

Emma Rice is an important practitioner for A Level Theatre studies students to study. Her work with Wise Children and her previous theatre company, Kneehigh, will inform students' work for their devising practical exam in Year 13.

It is a wonderful production and I hope that this is another step for us on the road to 'normal'. It will be a joy to watch and enjoy 'live' theatre with our students again. I will be asking students to make a donation of £2 towards the cost of the group ticket. This can be purchased on SIMS, through the school system.

The performance begins at 7:30pm so I would like students to arrive at the 'theatre' by 7pm. It will be finished by approximately 10:15pm. Please arrange for your child's safe return from school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D Heale'.

Mrs D Heale
Head of Performing Arts