‘GET READY TO ROAR’

Rickmansworth Performing Arts Summer School

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July 2019

It is my great pleasure to announce that we are re-launching our Performing Arts Summer School, which will run for the first time since 2012 and will be the tenth Summer School of its kind here at Rickmansworth School. Starting at 9:30am and finishing at 4pm daily, the Summer School will be available exclusively to Year 6 who have accepted a place at Rickmansworth School, our current Year 7 students, and selected Year 5 students from our local feeder schools who have been recognised as Able and Ambitious in the Performing Arts.

We will be offering a fun, creative and jam-packed programme based on the Disney Musical ‘The Lion King’. The African Savannah will come to life on our stage with this radical retelling of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, focusing on Simba, a young lion prince who must accept his past and face his destiny. As with past Summer Schools, the week will consist of daily classes in Drama, Dance and Music. Students will have the option to either choose one discipline or to combine all three. The GET READY TO ROAR experience will feature a range of activities during the week, to enable students to:

- Improve singing technique, breath control, tone, tuning and harmonies
- Develop instrumental skills, working with traditional African djembe drums
- Learn scripted scenes, develop characterisation and explore vocal range
- Learn new styles and style fusions of dance as well as develop skills in dancing in combination with song to increase stamina and enhance co-ordination
- Participate in a mask-making/puppetry workshop or a costume, hair & make up tutorial
- Work as a team to improve presentation and performance skills
- Gain performance experience, heighten knowledge and build confidence
- Make new friends, easing the transition from primary to secondary and most importantly, HAVE FUN!
- There will be daily sessions for students who are interested in gaining an insight into Marketing and Publicity for theatre including website building, branding, social media and other promotional platforms & materials. These will run alongside and separately to the Performing Arts sessions

Students will perform to friends and family in the end of week Exhibition, Showcase and Awards Ceremony in the afternoon on Friday 26th July in our very own Ricky Playhouse.

The cost of the Summer School week is £125.00 per person for the full week. A shortened week is only available to Year 5 and 6 students. A non-refundable deposit of £25.00 is payable to secure a place on the activity week. The balance is payable by 1st July.

If you would like to book a place, please book here https://www.trybooking.co.uk/JQI. Further details and timetables will be issued in early June. There is set to be over 100 participants with eight members of specialist staff and sixth form assistants to facilitate your activities throughout the week. Since space is limited, all places will be filled on a first come – first served basis and we therefore advise you to book early to avoid disappointment.

We hope you will have an enjoyable experience.

Charlotte Tidy
Performing Arts Summer School Co-ordinator