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Dear Parents/Carers

Whole School Production

We are delighted to inform you that there will be another whole academy production coming to John Smeaton Academy! After the success of GREASE in March, we are thrilled to be able to continue to offer our students this excellent opportunity with the next production being 'MATILDA'.

Students will have the opportunity to audition for the production in September, the date will be communicated to students upon their return to the academy.

Students will be expected to attend the audition and the rehearsals which will be after-school on Mondays and Thursdays. The students may not always be needed for both rehearsal days, and so will still be able to take part in the additional Enrichment++ programme.

If your child wishes to attend the auditions and be a part of the production, they have been provided with an audition pack that contains a song and extract from the script. The students will need to learn the song and the script ready for the auditions.

Once signed up, students must attend every session indicated on the rehearsal schedule. Dedication to the production and process is what ensures quality and fantastic outcomes that all students are proud of. Where a student has received a School Detention stamp in their planner, they **must** attend the detention and not the rehearsal.

All rehearsals will run from 3pm till 5pm.

Positive Discipline will be implemented in these rehearsals through the rewarding of stamps.

I hope your child will join us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Enquiries team: enquiries@johnsmeatonacademy.org.uk, who will forward your questions to me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E Bliss
Head of Drama



When I Grow Up – Matilda Jr.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl8vVqPH8ME>)

When I grow up
I will be tall enough to reach the
branches
That I need to reach to climb the trees
You get to climb when you're grown up.
And when I grow up
I will be smart enough to answer all
The questions that you need to know
The answers to before you're grown up.
And when I grow up
I will eat sweets every day
On the way to work and I
Will go to bed late every night!
And I will wake up
When the sun comes up and I
Will watch cartoons until my eyes go
square
And I won't care 'cause I'll be all grown
up!
When I grow up!
When I grow up, when I grow up
I will be strong enough to carry all
The heavy things you have to haul
Around with you when you're a grown-
up!
And when I grow up, when I grow up
I will be brave enough to fight the
creatures
That you have to fight beneath the bed
Each night to be a grown-up!

And when I grow up
I will have treats every day.
And I'll play with things that Mum
pretends
That Mum's don't think are fun.
And I will wake up
When the sun comes up and I
Will spend all day just lying in the sun
And I won't burn 'cause I'll be all grown-
up!
When I grow up!
And when I grow up, when I grow up
I will be brave enough to fight the
creatures
That you have to fight beneath the bed
Each night to be a grown-up!
Just because you find that life's not fair,
it
Doesn't mean that you just have to grin
and bear it.
If you always take it on the chin and
wear it
Nothing will change!
Just because I find myself in this story,
It doesn't mean that everything is written
for me.
If I think the ending is fixed already,
I might as well be saying
I think that it's OK!
And that's not right!



MATILDA

Are you poor?

MISS HONEY

Yes. Yes, I am. Very.

MATILDA

Don't they pay teachers very much?

MISS HONEY

Well, they don't, actually. But I am even poorer than most, because of... other reasons. I used to live with my aunt. But one day I was out walking and I came across this old shed – I fell completely in love with it. I ran to the farmer and begged him to let me move in. He thought I was mad! But he agreed and I've lived here ever since.

MATILDA

But Miss Honey, you can't live in a shed!

MISS HONEY

I'm not strong like you, Matilda. My father died when I was young. Magnus was his name and he was very kind. But when he was gone, my aunt became my legal guardian. She was mean and cruel like you can hardly imagine. And then, when I got my job as a teacher, she presented me with a bill for looking after me all those years. And she made me sign a contract to pay her back every penny. She even produced a document that said my father had given her his entire house.

MATILDA

But did he really do that? Just give her his house?

MISS HONEY

I find it hard to believe. Just like I cannot believe that he would have... killed himself, which is what she said happened.

MATILDA

(a realization) You think she... did him in, don't you, Miss Honey?

MISS HONEY

I... cannot say, Matilda. All I know is that years of being bullied by that woman made me... well, pathetic; I was trapped.

MATILDA

Let's go to the police!