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Dear Parent/Carer

Garsington Opera

Following a visit to Icknield Community College in June, Garsington Opera Education team have developed an exciting project idea for selected Year 10 students this term. Working with a professional director, composer, choreographer and designer, students will spend two days in October exploring and responding to the themes of an opera called *L'Olympiade* by Vivaldi, which takes place near Olympia on the day of the ancient games. Ideas generated from these sessions will be incorporated into an original opera, which will be rehearsed and performed later in the term by the student cast and two professional opera singers. There will also be the opportunity for local primary schools to get involved through practical workshops and attending the performances.

Through this project we aim to give students an insight into putting on a professional production and the opportunity to learn skills and techniques that will support their music/drama/art studies. They will be treated like professional artists by the creative team, and will therefore be expected to contribute and perform to the best of their ability during all sessions.

Attached is a list of dates and a rehearsal schedule. The school and Garsington Opera have arranged the programme in order to minimise disruption to the curriculum. Therefore, some rehearsals are after school. Arrangements will need to be made for students to be collected at the end of these sessions. Whilst participation in this project is optional, it is a once in a lifetime experience as we are the only secondary school in the country to be chosen for this project. If you would like your son/daughter to participate, please complete the attached reply slip and return it to Resources Centre by Friday 7 October.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Tansley
Head of Creative Arts



Date	Details	Time
Monday 17 th October	Devising day 1	
	All students	10.50 – 11.50
	Group A (students will be notified) *	11.50 – 15.00
Tuesday 18 th October	Devising day 2	
	All students	10.50 – 11.50
	Group B (students will be notified)*	11.50 – 15.00
	All students	15.00 – 17.00
Wednesday 16 th November	Play through	14.00 – 17.00
Tuesday 22 nd November	Design making day	08.30 – 15.00
Monday 28 th November	Production rehearsal 1	08.30 – 15.00
Wednesday 30 th November	Production rehearsal 2	14.00 – 20.00
Thursday 1 st December	Production rehearsal 3	14.30 – 20.00
Monday 5 th December	Production rehearsal 4	14.30 – 20.00
Tuesday 6 th December	Dress rehearsal	10.50 – 12.50
	Performance 1	13.30 – 14.30
Wednesday 7 th December	Performance 2	12.30 – 13.30
	Performance 3	19.30 – 20.30

*Students will be informed which group they are in.

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Name..... Tutor.....

Our son/daughter would like to take part in Garsington Opera Workshop.

Our son/daughter would not like to take part in Garsington Opera Workshop.
(Please tick where applicable)

I/we agree to arrange collection of our child for the above.

Signed..... Date.....
(Parent/carer)