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Happy New Year!

After a unexpected extended Christmas break, the students at PQA Bournemouth all returned on the 8th January full of excitement. It had been 4 whole weeks since they had seen eachother and there was a lot of catching up to do!

I started the session by telling them about some of the exciting things that are planned for 2011. The buzz of excitement was tangible when I explained what I have in mind for our West End show in July - more about that later.

The students who are attending the casting for Quirky Kidz on 16th January listened attentively as I told them about that and they all admitted that they hadn't really looked at the Panto scripts and lyrics since we had last met. It was obvious that we would have to work hard on the Panto to bring it up to scratch - more about that later.

Percy returned after a long holiday with Roxanne. Sporting his new togs (a Christmas present from Roxy), he was greeted warmly by all of his PQA friends. Roxy was very sad that she was going to have to hand him over to another Green Group member.

I did have some sad news for everyone. Lyndsey, who has been with us since April 2008, is leaving us in February. She has been offered a job in Wales that is just too good to turn down. We will all miss her but we wish her all the best.

We were all pleased to welcome Summer and Lily as they had come to have a taster session. We look forward to seeing them next week.

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Extended Sessions

As you are aware, the snow before Christmas meant that I had to cancel two sessions. Some of the sessions during the Spring Term will be extended by 1/2 hour each week so that the students can catch up on the time that has been lost. The extended session times will be as follows until further notice:

- 9.15 - 9.20 - sign in.
- 9.20 - 9.30 - warm up.
- 9.30 - 10.00 - whole Academy session.
- 10.00-10.15 - lesson 1.
- 10.15-11.30 - lesson 2.
- 11.30-12.15 - lesson 3.
- 12.15-1.00 - lesson 4.
- 1.00-1.15 - Show & Tell

You are invited for tea, coffee etc. from 12.45.



Casting on 16th January 2011

I have now received the information about the Quirky Kidz casting day on 16th January. These were all available for you to collect after yesterday's session. Please let me know if you have any questions about the day.

Transport to London

Some parents expressed an interest in hiring a coach for the day so that the children could go to London together. This would also reduce the costs (I hope) and would mean that we could be dropped off and picked up from the venue - much easier than trying to find it alone! Unfortunately, it would mean that we would all have to be there for the duration of the casting. However, it would give us all the opportunity to go sightseeing/shopping when we are not needed at the casting. So, if you were thinking of making this a family day out, why not hop on the coach with us?

At the moment, I anticipate that we would have to leave Bournemouth at 7.45 am in order to ensure that we are at the venue by 10.30. If we left the venue at 6 pm, we should be back in Bournemouth by 8.30 pm.

If you would be interested in travelling by coach, please let me know by Tuesday so that I can make the necessary enquiries.

I feel sure that his lessons will help us to make our Hairspray section at Her Majesty's Theatre something really special. I will let you know as soon as I have a date.



West End Performance

The date is set and the plans are well under way!

Make sure that you make a note in your diary on 3rd July. Yes, that's the date that the wonderful students at PQA Bournemouth will be treading the boards at Her Majesty's Theatre in London!



Performing on a real West End stage is a major opportunity that most people can only dream of - I can assure you that I have dreamt about it hundreds of times!

The theme of the show is 'American Dream' and we will hope to perform numbers from Hairspray during the first half. Our second half piece will be called 'The Big Apple'.

I will let you know as soon as I have more news about this amazing opportunity.



Hairspray



I have asked our old friend, Alex Forster, if he would come along to a session to give us all a 'Hairspray' Master Class. For those of you who don't know Alex, he visited us last year and we all had a fantastic 'We Will Rock You' Master Class with him.

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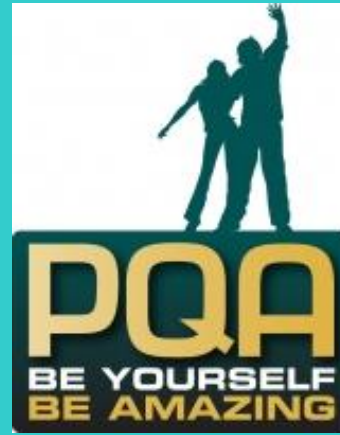
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BE AMAZING
YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD!**



17th January 2011

If you would like to join us at the Captains Club for an evening and of fun and laughter, please let me know. Sessions start at 7.30 and run until 9.30. We usually round the evening off with a leisurely drink in the bar!

Please email or call me for further information.



A range of PQA t-shirts, hoodies and fleeces are now available to buy. They all have the new PQA logo on them. I can assure you that the Hoodies are lovely and will keep you warm on the coldest of days! The prices are as follows:

T shirts

7-8, 9-11, 12-13 **£5.95**

Small, Medium, Large - **£7.50**

Hoodies

7-8, 9-11, 12-13 **£15.95**

Small, Medium, Large - **£19.95**

Please let me know if you would like to order something.