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Dear Parents,

We continue to be delighted to welcome students back to Newark Academy in order to allow them the opportunity to quickly and effectively resume their studies, absorbing the broad and varied range of learning experiences on offer. Alongside a broad and balanced curriculum, we also insist on offering a wide-ranging and exciting enrichment programme, which features uniquely wholesome, skill-nurturing opportunities, which as fun activities, seek to extend and utilise many of the skills established in our classrooms. Prior to lockdown, our Performing Arts department was well underway preparing our students in our school production, 'Beauty & the Beast', involving students from across all key stages.

Three separate performances were due to take place at the end of March and beginning of April, however through the mandated closure of the school at the end of March, sadly, we were prohibited from putting these shows on and showing off the tremendous work of everyone involved. Hard work, preparation and typical Newark Academy commitment underpinned each and every rehearsal leading up to the performances and our students should be extremely proud of all that was achieved, both individually and together, despite not being able to execute fabulous final performances. Despite our very best efforts to identify options going forward, based on current government advice around live performances, we feel unable to continue with plans to perform 'Beauty & the Beast' and therefore very regrettably inform parents/carers of its cancellation. We of course realise that this will come as a significant disappointment to all those involved and sincerely encourage our devoted cast members to reflect on a superb job, excellently done. Looking to the future, with an ambitious Performing Arts department who are extremely keen to show off our fabulous students, there will of course be further, new opportunities as restrictions around Covid-19 ease further.

In terms of tickets sales, thank you to our parents/carers who kindly purchased tickets either via the school reception, paying in cash, or via the online app, 'Ticket Source', a card payment facility. If you purchased tickets by either method, monies will be returned to you, either from the school reception or directly back to your payment card, if you purchased via Ticket Source. We would be grateful if you could allow up to 14 days for electronic payments to be returned to your payment card. If are expecting a refund and for some reason don't receive one, please do not hesitate to contact the school office in the first instance.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the cast members for their excellence, professionalism and understanding; they are truly excellent. We would also like to thank parents/carers for your continued support and understanding.

Kindest regards and best wishes,

Mr Williams & Miss Morris.

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