

RIVER DRAMA

NEWS

June 2018

ANNUAL AWARDS 2018
15TH SEPTEMBER
DELARUE HALL AT SCOTTS
PROJECT.
POP THIS IN YOUR DIARY
NOW!

16 th June	Maria Mileham	Janet Young Room
23 rd June	Paul Madden	Janet Young Room
30 th June	Abigail Harris	Janet Young Room
7 th July	Sarah Chiswell-Hornett	Janet Young Room
14 th July	Abigail Harris Tea Afternoon	Janet Young Room In the Bar - All welcome

Academy Week 2018

“Aladdin and Friends”

Monday 30th July – Saturday 4th August

Performances will be early evening on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th and are great fun and free for all. *Senior and Junior students* will enjoy the show so why not save the dates in your diary now!

All Academy students will be receiving details for the week very soon.

Important Summer Term Reminders

Please ensure students bring water to drink at every session. We are often very active and a non-fizzy drink is essential. Can we also remind everyone to wear suitable footwear, soft trainers or ‘Converse’ type shoes are ideal. No Crocs or flippy floppy sandals please!



On Saturday 12th May the junior group and some of the younger seniors went to see Peppa Pig on stage at the Assembly Halls in Tunbridge Wells. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show which had a mix of puppets and actors telling the story of Peppa Pig's school camping trip. There were plenty of songs and audience participation and several of our children were on their feet dancing during the finale. A big thank you to River Drama from all the families that attended.

Young Volunteers

We are still in need of another young volunteer for our senior group. Do you know a teenager aged 16 or older who is able to get to The Oast on a Saturday afternoon 3.30 – 4.30pm? Our volunteers enhance the experience of our students and really do make the sessions more fun for everyone so please help us find an additional regular volunteer for this group. Please get in touch with Elaine if you would like more info about the role.

Thank you!

Gifts to River Drama

River Drama has been the lucky recipient of some very generous gifts this year. In January we received £100 from the Paddock Wood Lionesses, and in April we received a huge gift of £3,282.64 from the Little Bridge Theatre Group. Little Bridge made the difficult decision to close their group and have channelled their remaining funds to us. Finally we were delighted to receive £425 from the East Peckham and Paddock Wood Rugby Club. We are hugely grateful to all organisations who support us and we have been able to offer all our students free trips to the theatre.



RD Academy Students receiving the cheque from The Mayor on behalf of Little Bridge

We were delighted to welcome The EP&PW Rugby Club to one of our Academy Sessions where the chairman Stuart Dedman presented the cheque and then joined in Paul's lively dancing session.



Safety First

Our review of safety arrangements has identified a couple of issues recently please note and act where appropriate.

1.If a different carer is dropping off or picking up from RD please ensure that they leave their number with the supervisors if the usual emergency numbers are unavailable.

2.Please ensure that any Grannies, friends, carers or support organisations do not leave students at the Oast or Barn more than 5 minutes before the start of a session. We do not have staff or space to look after students before the start of their session. Thank you!

The Greatest Showman.....you may be interested to know.....

A number of students from Seniors and Academy Groups expressed an interest in seeing the recent film and requested a trip. It is not feasible to organise another trip this term but you may be interested to know that there are two showings coming up in Tonbridge.

Firstly at EM Forster Theatre at Tonbridge School on 23rd June,
<https://emftheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173588092>

Secondly at Tonbridge Castle on 22nd July
<https://www.thelunacinema.com/tonbridge-castle/>

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'An exciting venture for young people with Down's Syndrome'

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