

# The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

Headteacher: Mr David Herbert BSc PGCE NPQH

December 2018

Dear Parent

Your child will be participating in the Global Rock Challenge this year representing the Sir John Colfox Academy, taking place on Monday 4th February 2019 at Bournemouth Pavilion. The trip will consist of a full day of rehearsal, followed by a performance in the evening. It is a great experience for the pupils but also for parents who come and watch.

The time of departure is 10.45am and we would ask that pupils to come to school at normal time. Your child should wear comfortable clothing as they will be travelling and there will be a lot of things to do once we get there. Please ensure that you provide your child with plenty to eat and drink as this will be a very long day.

Pupils may be allowed out into Bournemouth in groups at lunchtime and buy food, providing you sign the section on the slip below which states that you are happy for them to do this. We expect to return to school at approximately 10.15pm unless you have said that you will collect them or allow them to go home with someone else.

If you would like to see the performance, see ticket information below, the doors open at 6.00pm and starts at 6.30pm. Judges deliberation 8.05pm with the presentation and results at 8.35pm and finishing by 9pm. Please note these timings are approximate and those of you who have been before will know it can be a long evening! However, the feedback from organisers is that there are fewer entries this year.

In order to get to this end goal of a great performance we need to ask for £20 from each of the students taking place. This will help cover the costs of the entry fee, coach travel, t-shirts, costume, set and many more things. We are already subsidising the trip heavily. The students are also going to be doing some fundraising activities as well and this will include a sponsored 'Danceathon'. If fundraising is very successful we hope to be able to refund some of the £20 contribution.

Rehearsals are now very much underway and we would like to thank you for allowing your child to attend these on a Tuesday and Thursday after school. We will be looking to add an additional afterschool and lunch session per week in January. Students must attend all of these rehearsals in order to for them to attend the performance in Bournemouth. If students miss rehearsals then they do run the risk of not being part of the final team. In front of an audience of nearly 2000 we have to be slick and the standard of competition is very high. If they have to miss a rehearsal then they need to see me to explain why.

**Please complete slips below, by 8<sup>th</sup> January, and return to student reception together with a parental permission slip with emergency details.**

Please indicate if your child WILL NOT be returning on the school coach. These slips include one for permission and £20 to cover entry and costs, and a second to book tickets for the performance at £14 each. I ask that these two amounts remain separate if possible. Alternatively, public sale of tickets is from 15 January and can be booked by phone on 0844 576 3000.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at [ushera@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:ushera@colfox.dorset.sch.uk) or via telephone 01308 422291.

Yours sincerely



Annie Usher  
Rock Challenge Lead Teacher



Emma Holder  
Head of Drama

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PLEASE RETURN TO STUDENT RECEPTION BY 8<sup>th</sup> January  
FAO: Mrs Usher. ROCK CHALLENGE 2019 – Monday 4 FEB - BOURNEMOUTH PAVILLION

Student's Name: ..... Tutor Group .....

I give permission for my child to take part in this trip and have paid £20. Please pay on-line using our 'Wisepay' system. If you have any queries regarding Wisepay please email the Finance office [finance@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:finance@colfox.dorset.sch.uk) or alternatively phone the school office on 01308 422291

I can confirm I have paid by Wisepay and this is now in my Wisepay history

I will collect my child / They will come home on the bus / They will be going home with.....

My child's mobile phone no. on the day is.....

I give permission for my child to go into Bournemouth in a small group (teacher will accompany and stay at a central point).

My child does NOT have any medical conditions of which the trip leader needs to be aware.

My child has a medical condition and I am happy with the arrangements for their care whilst on the trip.

Signed Parent/Guardian ..... Name (Please print) ..... Date.....

[Please note it is important that you inform the school of any changes to the Emergency Contact and Medical Information you have already provided so that trip leaders are fully aware of these details - If any health, allergy, dietary or emergency contact details have changed, please make a note on the back of this slip)

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PLEASE RETURN TO STUDENT RECEPTION WITH PAYMENT BY 8<sup>th</sup> January  
FAO: Mrs Usher. ROCK CHALLENGE 2019 – Monday 4 FEB - BOURNEMOUTH PAVILLION

Student's Name: ..... Tutor Group .....

I would like to order..... ticket/s @ £14 each