

June 2010

Dear Parents

The Creative Arts Faculty has, once again, organised the Gateways Biennial Arts Festival on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 22, 23 and 24 June. The theme will be **'SOUTH AFRICA AND AFRICAN CULTURE'**. Members of the Creative Arts Faculty will be joined by outside practitioners for dance, (Dance 1 group will stay together for the whole three days, Dance 2 groups will be part of the Carousel) composing music, creating masks and costumes for the dances, creating short dramas linked to an African theme, making regional food and creating sets and prop designs for the final celebration on Thursday 24 June. We will also have a technical and backstage crew for these final celebrations.

All girls in Lower and Middle School will have the opportunity to specialise in one area or to join a carousel and have different experiences over the three-day period. The event will culminate in a 'sharing' of the girls' experiences at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 24 June in the Performing Arts Centre. All parents are warmly invited to join the celebrations. We hope to create a real South African experience for you which will include a grand procession!

There will be a charge of £6.00 to cover practitioners' fees, materials and specialist ingredients. Girls who are part of the Languages trip will experience only part of one day and, therefore, a charge of only £2.00 will be made to those pupils. These girls will have the opportunity to join the carousel and will be automatically allocated a place on this.

We feel that the whole event will be a valuable and stimulating one for all our pupils and we look forward to sharing the Festival's highlights with you.

We would be grateful, therefore, if you could indicate which area your daughter would like to specialise in on the attached sheet. Please return the form immediately, as choices will be on a 'first come, first served basis'.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Dutton
Head of Creative Arts Faculty

CREATIVE ARTS WEEK 22-24 JUNE 2010

Please indicate your preferred specialisation for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, selecting from the list below. We will do our best to organise the groups according to your choice! Remember that if you are going on the languages trip, you will need to be part of the Carousel.

SPECILISED AREAS

1. DRAMA
2. MUSIC
3. TECHNICAL AND BACKSTAGE CREW
4. COSTUME AND MASK DESIGN
5. DANCE 1

OR

6. **CAROUSEL**
SET DESIGN AND SCENERY AND PROPS
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
DANCE 2

1 st Choice	
2 nd Choice	
3 rd Choice	

PUPIL'S NAME AND FORM _____

I WILL REQUIRE _____ PLACES FOR THE 'SOUTH AFRICAN EXPERIENCE'
ON THURSDAY 24 JUNE AT 7.00PM

I AGREE TO THE SUM OF £6.00/£2.00 (delete as appropriate) BEING ADDED TO
MY TERMLY ACCOUNT.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____