



November 2018

Dear parent/carer,

I'd like to welcome you to join us for this year's drama department production:

Wonderland

We've created two very different, modern takes on Lewis Carroll's Classic tale, '**Alice in Wonderland**'.

Ms Anthony and Mrs Brady have worked with a lower school company of years 8, 9 and 10 to produce a more traditional take on Wonderland but with a very modern teenage Alice slipping down the rabbit-hole, into a world populated by giant caterpillars, mad hatters and a queen of hearts who is anything but!

With an upper school company of years 11, 12 and 13, I have been devising a slightly darker version of this twisted fairy-tale. In this version, Alice is alone on the hard streets of London. With her family left in a migrant camp in France, Alice thinks she's made it to 'Wonderland' but the reality is very different. Here we meet a very diverse take on the characters – from a streetwise criminal known as the Cheshire Cat for his cruel grin, to the Duchess- a homeless matriarch with a heart of gold.

The evening will be split into two halves, with each show lasting about an hour. The first half will be suitable for the whole family, but younger children may find some of the content in the second half quite challenging. The evening will be fun, entertaining, emotional and thought-provoking and will show off the amazing talent and commitment of our young casts, who have been rehearsing hard since we came back in September.

The show runs from **Thursday 13th December to Saturday 15th December** and will be performed in the **school's theatre at 7:30pm**. Refreshments will be available in the interval.

Tickets cost £6 and are available to purchase (from Wed 28th November) in school **at break-times from room G4**. You can also buy tickets from **main school reception**- either directly or ordered by phone (01706 215726) and picked up by students to be brought home. **There is an order form attached.**

We pride ourselves on the quality of the work we perform here at Haslingden; it is a testament to our belief in the power of the Arts to say something meaningful; shape young people into more confident, expressive human-beings and offer a couple of hours of escape into the world of the imagination! I really hope to see you there and share with you the joy of watching young talent flourish. What better way to start your Christmas?

Yours faithfully,

A Anderson

Mr A Anderson, Head of Drama.

'Achievement for All'



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Ticket ORDER FORM

*Cheques can be made payable to Haslingden High school.

Evening:	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th	Saturday 15 th
Number of tickets required:			
Cost/money enclosed:			