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Dear Students and Parents,

After a hugely successful staging of “In The Heights” back in September, the RGS Music Department is delighted to announce plans for a production of “School of Rock” to take place this coming July. Traditionally, we have opted to stage a musical every two years featuring many of our Senior students, but “School of Rock” provides plenty of opportunities for students in Years 7-10 to audition and gain a huge amount of experience, regardless of whether they have performed on stage before.

Nominated for 4 Tony awards and 3 Olivier awards, and based on the iconic film starring Jack Black, Andrew Lloyd Webber has added a range of additional songs, adapting the action for its West End debut in 2016. It follows the story of a struggling rock guitarist, Dewey Finn, impersonating a substitute teacher at a prestigious school. Throughout the show, he completely transforms the lives of a whole class of academic students, where their talents for Classical music are re-directed to create a band of confident rock musicians.

I am delighted to invite back and work alongside Becky Harrison, a professional director and choreographer, who also directed “In The Heights” and “West Side Story”, and is heavily involved in the local Trinity Theatre Arts school.

For further audition details, please read the two attached files (Auditions Poster and Audition Information) before filling in an audition form ASAP: <https://forms.office.com/r/r4EikGB09w>

I am sorry for the delay in getting news out and the short notice for the auditions taking place in a week, but there have inevitably been significant logistical challenges to overcome when faced with putting on a musical in a short summer term (post-exams). After Covid limiting what we could previously do, this project should be the perfect way to finish the academic year. Whether you have performed in numerous productions, or if this is indeed your first show, I would strongly recommend coming along and seeing what the show is all about. Do share widely with siblings, friends, and students from neighbouring schools who might also like to join us for first-round auditions, taking place on **Sunday 13th March (Years 7-10) and Thursday 17th March (Years 11-13)**.

If you have any questions regarding auditions, Students, please come and speak to me / Parents, please encourage your son to speak to me in the Music Office, or indeed email me at fxm@rgshw.com. We hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Mr Mullaly
Director of Music