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Dear Students and Parents,

After hugely successful performances of “School of Rock” last July, the RGS Music Department is delighted to officially announce exciting plans for a senior production of “**The Producers**”, to be staged live in the Queen’s Hall (Wednesday 22nd – Saturday 25th March 2023). We have selected this show in part to contrast with our previous RGS musicals, and in order to provide plenty of opportunities for students to audition and gain a huge amount of experience, regardless of whether they have performed on stage before or not.

We envisage this show to be a Senior production due to the themes explored (the musical has a ‘12’ age rating according to Musical Theatre International), and will therefore cast Seniors in named roles. However, we would welcome auditions from Junior students who would like an ensemble or featured dancer part, in advance of a more senior role in a future production.

The original Broadway production garnered a record-breaking 12 Tony awards, though many may also be familiar with Mel Brooks’ 1967 film or the more recent 2005 adaptation. In this comedy, we follow two theatrical producers, Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom, who scheme to get rich by fraudulently overselling interests in a Broadway flop, which unexpectedly turns out to be successful.

I am delighted to invite back and work alongside Becky Harrison, a professional director and choreographer, who has directed our previous productions of “School of Rock”, “In The Heights” and “West Side Story”, whilst also being heavily involved in the local Trinity Theatre Arts school that takes place onsite.

For further audition details, please fill an audition form ASAP: <https://forms.office.com/r/PsbYTUXZ0k>

Whether you have performed in numerous productions, or this is your first show, I would strongly recommend coming to auditions 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 **Friday 21st October** at the following times:

- **10:30-12:00: RGS Junior students (Years 7-8)**
- **11:15-13:00: RGS Senior students (Years 9-10)**
- **13:45-15:45: RGS Senior students (Years 11-13)**
- **15:45-16:45: Auditions for students from neighbouring schools (1st slot)**
- **16:30-17:30: Featured Dancer Auditions**
- **17:30-19:30: Auditions for students from neighbouring schools (2nd slot).**

We appreciate that some students may already be away from High Wycombe on this first day of the RGS half-term holiday, so we will also hold further auditions after-school on **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th November (for all remaining students, both RGS and non-RGS, across all year groups)**. However, please note that recalls for named parts will also take place during this week, and any Senior students wishing to audition for a main part will therefore have to learn the relevant recall material over the half-term holiday.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Mullaly

Director of Music