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Dear Parents

***The Wizard of Oz* 24-26 November**

With just over a fortnight to go before the opening night of *The Wizard of Oz* I am writing to encourage you to book tickets for all the family for this year's PGS school production. Mr Sperring, in his final production as Director in Residence, has completely re-imagined the musical, creating what will be a unique and memorable staging. Shadow puppets, glow balls, huge mushrooms and an extraordinary number of ostrich feather fans will combine in an original and strikingly visual interpretation of this popular piece.

This is an all singing, all dancing show with a cast of pupils from all year groups from Year 8 to Year 13. All pupils in Years 7 and 8 have contributed to the production through the mask-making work they have been doing in the first half of term, and Year 9 pupils are creating a display of work on the theme of Oz which will be displayed in the theatre foyer. Many other pupils have been involved in set painting, backstage work and props making.

It would be marvellous if every PGS pupil was able to see the production which is being performed at the King's Theatre in Southsea. There are evening performances from Wednesday 24 to Saturday 26 November at 7.30 pm with a matinee performance at 2.30 pm on the Saturday. The theatre seats well over 1,500 and I would like every seat to be filled for what promises to be a truly fantastic family show. Tickets can be bought online from <http://www.kings-southsea.com/> or by telephone on 023 9282 8282.

I very much look forward to seeing you at the King's.

Best wishes

Mark Smith  
Director of Drama