



Aldenham

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The Beggar's Opera 80s Remix

I am sure you will be delighted to hear that our new theatre is now complete and pupils have begun drama lessons within it this week. It will also be the venue for our senior school production this term which I hope that you will want to support.

A large cast of pupils from Years 10 to 13 will be putting on a production of possibly the first ever English musical. John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*, tells the tale of a dandy highwayman, locked up in prison in 18th century London, who decides to write an opera based on his own career. The songs in this production will be drawn from the 1980s and you are promised a most entertaining evening. This version has been devised and will be directed by the Director of Drama, Ms Julie Bannister. It will be performed in the School Theatre on the evenings of **Thursday November 29th, Friday November 30th and Saturday December 1st at 7.30 p.m.**

Given the interest in the new theatre I would ask you to reserve your tickets at the earliest possible opportunity. Tickets will be priced at £6 with concessions, including school students, at £4. The cost of these can be placed on parents' bills. Tickets will not be sent out, but will be kept at the box office for you to collect on the night.

It has been marvellous to be able to talk to many parents this term about the new theatre and very pleasing that many of you have been able to make a contribution especially by sponsoring a seat. There are still a number of seats available for sponsorship and other opportunities which you may find interesting. Should you need any more information or a further copy of the donation form please contact Molly Barton in the Development Office on 01923 851612.

I very much hope that we will be able to welcome you to one of the performances.

James Fowler

To: Mrs Catherine Coombs, School Secretary, Aldenham School, Elstree Herts WD6 3AJ

Please reserve me seats at £6 each and seats at £4 each for The Beggar's Opera

on Thursday 29th November / Friday 30th November / Saturday 1st December*

I enclose cheque for £..... / Please add the cost to my school extras bill*

Name of my child House Year group

Signed Your name (in capitals please)

(Cheques payable to Aldenham School) * Please delete as appropriate

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