

15/8/2016

Dear CXYP Participants, Parents and Carers,

In our first newsletter of the 2016/17 season, you will find dates for the first term, news from our summer event, and the announcement of our new Group Leader!



Participants from *Three Plays in Three Days* with Paul (pink furry creature - left).

## Announcements

### New Group Leader!

Firstly, please welcome our new Group Leader: David Ross!

David is a graduate of Queen Margaret University and has worked and volunteered in youth theatre for the past decade, mainly throughout East Lothian. Within the amateur theatre sector, David directed Musselburgh Amateur Musical Association (MAMA) for three years. He is currently the Director of Loretto Youth Players. David also tutors extensively through the East Lothian Youth Theatre (ELYT), and the Brunton Youth Theatre (BYT) based at the Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh.

David will be taking over the P1-3 & P5-7 drama groups. The CXYP Management Team would like to take this opportunity to wish David the best of luck in his new position! Sam will remain with the Senior group for this season and will be present during the 1st session back for both junior groups.

## **New Workshop Assistants!**

The Management Team would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new workshop assistants: Katy Bisson & Angus Allison. Katy and Angus are both long-term members of CXYP and equally passionate about drama and performance! They recently penned and performed their own play for *Three Plays* and will now assist David with both junior groups.

## **Moving Up**

A big congratulations to all the new S1 pupils joining us in this Senior Group this year. I can speak on behalf of all the current members when I say that we look forward to welcoming you into your new drama group!

## **Summer Event**

A quick thank you to all those who helped make *Three Plays in Three Days* possible. It was very encouraging to see a large audience on Saturday night and we hope you enjoyed the show. A quick shout out to Daphne Chad, who provided some fantastic costumes for each play!

## **Drama Session Consent Forms**

It's vital we keep the emergency contact and medical information in our consent forms up to date. I would kindly ask that all parents and carers arrive on the first week to fill out a new form for their child. Once completed, the form will suffice for the entire 2016/17 season. All parents/carers who completed a consent form for their child at the beginning of the Summer Event need not fill out another.

As always, if your child's circumstances change during the course of the season, please inform us in writing at the earliest possible time.

## **Parent Volunteers**

Currently, we are looking for parent volunteers to help us with the new season ahead. We are extremely grateful for any time you can spare in assisting us with the smooth running of our drama sessions. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know in your child's consent form. Volunteering time could be as little as one session per term, providing enough parents put their names forward to form a rota.

## Looking ahead: Term One

We are making a few changes ahead of 2016/17 season, namely the restructuring of the primary groups. The P1-3 group will now become the P1-4 group, while the P4-7 group will change to accommodate P5-7s. This change will not affect the majority of existing participants, but it will allow for a more equal distribution of future members, with the existing P4-7 group growing in size.

The Senior Group's creative output will also change next year. The seniors have expressed an interest to create a series of one-act plays, rather than one large production. This format will allow them to take on production roles for each other's plays.

The 1st term of the 2016/17 season will begin on **Tuesday 16th August and will run for 9 weeks until Tuesday 11th October.**

P1 - 4 will run for one hour: 3:15pm - 4:15pm

P5 - 7 will run for one and a half hours: 4:30pm - 6:00pm. (Note: No CXYP Extra)

Seniors (S1 - S6) will run for two hours: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

The cost per session is £3 or you may wish to pay for a block of 9 sessions costing £27.

## And finally,

Good luck to all the children at the start of their new School year! I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Best Wishes,

Samuel Swinton  
Programme Co-ordinator and Group Leader  
Senior Drama Group

On behalf of:

David Ross  
Programme Co-ordinator and Group Leader  
P1-3 & P5-7 Drama Groups

Katy Bisson & Angus Allison  
Drama Workshop Assistants

Corn Exchange Young Performers (CXYP)

[biggar.cxyp@gmail.com](mailto:biggar.cxyp@gmail.com)