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Dear Parent/Carer

QEGS Dance Troops: Great Big Dance Off

The Dance and Drama department are participating in the 'Great Big Dance Off' at The Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, on Tuesday 7th March. Students will leave school at 8.45am via coach to Birmingham where they will rehearse in the theatre at 11.20am. The performance should take place at 6pm and finish by 8pm. We will return to QEGS for approximately 9pm, due to the length of the performance and traffic this may be later. If this is the case, we will ensure students notify of our expected arrival time. During the break between we will be going to the city to look round and will be able to get food so students will need some spending money, and will then return to get ready for the performance where they will need a packed tea for the evening.

National Schools Dance Competition

The Great Big Dance Off is a popular national dance competition open to schools all across England & Wales. **This is the ONLY national dance competition aimed SOLELY at schools.** Our vision is to create an exciting competition bringing together children of all ages and abilities where the emphasis is on **having a good time**. Each school can enter as many teams as it likes. Whatever your preferred style of dancing, whatever your level of experience, we want you to be involved. A bit of imagination, dedication and teamwork is all that is required.



Parents/carers and friends are welcome to watch the Dance competition at the theatre and tickets can be purchased from the theatre Box Office <https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/great-big-dance-off-west-midlands-heat/the-alexandra-theatre-birmingham/> If you will be watching the performance and wish your child to return home with you can you please notify us on the form so we know how many students will be returning on the coach.

There is a recommended contribution of £11.50 which can be paid via ParentPay by **Friday 24th February** to cover the cost of the coach and entry fees for the competition. We are also asking students to purchase the costume below for their performance this costume will also be used in the school Dance and Drama Performance evening and the Summer Showcase and students will be able to keep these. Can all students please wear flesh coloured tights underneath their costumes or shimmer tights if they have them. Please ensure these are a shade darker than your natural colour so you do not look washed out on the screen.

Dance Club

Please wear your school skirt a shirt with black shorts on underneath and the skin coloured tights. Can you please wear black jazz shoes.

<https://www.dancewearcentral.co.uk/dance-shoes-c46/jazz-shoes-c52/leather-rubber-sole-jazz-shoes-p16>



Year 9

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0B1Q729DT?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_dp_82YVAD7BHRENBH23XRQ6

In burgundy



Year 10

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0BS3QX1YW/?coliid=IAFAOWB4KNVQF&colid=1VV1CB27I1GKH&ref=lv_ov_lig_dp_it&th=1

In either the green or navy_blue



Duet

Please organise what you will be wearing and also wear the shimmer or natural tights.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Dance & Drama department on the telephone number above ext. 1327.

Yours faithfully

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