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Dear Parents and Carers,

SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'SCARY PLAY' – AUDITIONS AND KEY INFORMATION

We are excited to announce that BSCS will be staging '*Scary Play*' by Judith Johnson in June 2026. This play, aimed at young people, explores the theme of fear through a gripping and imaginative story.

About the Play:
Scary Play follows 11-year-old Kal and his friends during a sleepover to celebrate his birthday. As the night unfolds, they share scary stories, including one about a haunted house said to be home to a ghost and his pet monkey. Kal dares his friends to sneak into the house, where they discover something truly terrifying in the upstairs bedroom.

Auditions:
- **Dates:** Thursday 11th December and Thursday 18th December
- **Time:** 3:10 pm – 5:00 pm
- **Location:** Drama Studio

  Students may wait in the Main Hall and rehearse while waiting for their turn. They are free to leave once their audition is complete. We ask parents to ensure that students get home safely after the auditions as it will be dark.

Roles and Opportunities:
- **Year 7:** We are hoping to accommodate all students who sign up within the chorus as a vampire or clown. However, if we have too many students to accommodate, we will need to host a Year 7 audition process next term. We will be able to confirm this with the cast list that will be up in the Drama Department by the end of term.
- **Years 8–10:** Eligible to audition for one of nine speaking roles, character descriptions are available on Google classroom. We expect this will be competitive and every year group has equal opportunity, so students are encouraged to learn their lines for their audition. If unsuccessful for a speaking role, they may be offered a role in the chorus, where they would take a leadership role, leading the Year 7s, or a design/front of house role. Students will have an unforgettable experience with or without a speaking role.
- **Backstage and Technical Teams:** We are also recruiting for backstage crew, front of house, costume design, makeup artists, lighting, and sound. Students interested in these roles should attend auditions to sign up and indicate their area of interest. Please note that the backstage and

technical teams will be kept small and reliable to ensure a smooth production and we are recruiting Years 8-10 only for backstage, technical and front of house roles.

Rehearsals:

- Every Thursday from 3:10 pm – 4:45 pm starting in January.
- **Important:** Every actor playing a named character will be expected to attend every rehearsal. A termly rehearsal schedule will be printed each term, indicating when the chorus is needed. Leading up to show week, all actors will be required at every rehearsal.
- The backstage and technician team will not be needed until May.

Show Week:

- Monday 8th June – Thursday 11th June 2026

If you have any questions, do please contact me.

Thank you for your support – we look forward to an exciting production!

Kind regards,

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