

**Letter for schools re. students taking part in 2021 pantomime**

For the Attention of the Welfare Officer/Head of Year/Class Teacher for Academic Year 2021/2022

We are writing to you because one of your pupils (.....)  
would like to attend the audition for Theatre Royal Wakefield's pantomime Beauty and the Beast on  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Before they sign up to audition we want to ensure schools have a bit more  
information and are happy to give an in principal agreement as we know schools have been greatly  
impacted by Covid and, if the pupil is successful at audition they would need to be granted some time  
off school. We have asked parents to show this letter to you before signing up for the audition to  
avoid any disappointment later on.

If successful at audition your pupil will join one of three chorus teams sharing 84 performances in  
November and December 2021, with a combined audience of over 29,000. It is a big commitment but,  
after such a difficult 18 months, we think this is an exciting opportunity for young performers.

We believe those who take part in our pantomime benefit greatly from the experience. They will  
rehearse and perform with a professional creative team, technical team and cast and have the chance  
to learn a lot from the collective experience of the company.

We expect each team to have 4 or 5 rehearsals and 10 or 11 performances during school time  
between 11th November and 17th December.

For more information about the Pantomime schedule please contact  
[janine.heseltine@theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk](mailto:janine.heseltine@theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk)

I .....(school representative) give an 'in principal'

agreement for .....(pupil name) to attend Theatre

Royal Wakefield's audition on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

If successful Theatre Royal Wakefield will send out the full schedule in September and ask you for  
formal permission.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Janine Heseltine  
Participation Officer  
Theatre Royal Wakefield