



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 7 & 8 'Film Skool' Club**

SMSJ has been offered the opportunity to participate in an extra-curricular 'Film Skool', which has been successfully running for the past thirteen years in schools such as The Henrietta Barnett School, Latymer School and Palmers Green High School. The 'Film Skool' is supported by the Institute of Education and Mayfair Curzon cinema and will be open to all students.

It will be structured as follows:

- A 60 minute workshop each week, after school for a five week period. In this time, students will be given an opportunity to write a number of professional short films in groups. We anticipate the course will start on the following date:  
**Years 7 & 8 – from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and workshops will be every Monday from 3:30-4:30pm at Stamford Raffles Campus for duration of five weeks.**
- After the five week workshop, one day will be provided for students to shoot their films using industry standard digital filmmaking equipment. Students will also have the chance to shoot their short films using high end DSLR cameras. They will also be given the opportunity to spend a weekend editing their films using Final Cut to create a professional product (filming and editing sessions will be carried out during the weekends, however this should not prevent those who have other commitments at the weekend from participating, as each individual would only be required to give up one day, which would be the shooting date for their film).
- There will be a professional cinematographer to operate the camera and show students how to light scenes and frame shots.

The cost of the course is **£100** per pupil and requires the participation of **35 students** for each of the workshops in order to run. The course fees pay for the following:

- Tutor fees
- Cinematographer fees
- Reprographics budget
- Editing suite hire/Equipment hire
- Cinema screening for the film at the Mayfair Curzon cinema in the West End
- Special edition DVD of finished films

By the end of the 'Film Skool', students would have written and directed a number of short films using industry standard equipment. The final films will be screened at the Mayfair Curzon cinema in the West End and so students will have their own 'Film Skool' premiere where they can invite family and friends. The 'Film Skool' course can be used as an activity (Media and Communication and Creative Arts) under the skills section for students that embark on the Duke of Edinburgh course.

If you would like your son or daughter to participate in the 'Film Skool', please complete the attached slip and return it to Ms Thomas as soon as possible. Payment of £100 via **ParentPay** must also be made by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018** at the latest to confirm the students place. Please note that it will only be possible for the 'Film Skool' to accept the first 35 students per workshop. Places will be offered on a strictly first come first served basis.

Following receipt of confirmation, those parties will be contacted and informed with further details of the programme.

If you have any questions regarding the 'Film Skool', please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



**Ms A Thomas**  
**Assistant Principal**

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**Year 7 & 8 'Film Skool' Club reply slip**  
**(Return to Middle School Office at Bennett House Campus)**

I give permission for: \_\_\_\_\_ PAM: \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the 'Film Skool' every Monday for five weeks starting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- I have made payment of £100.00 via ParentPay
- I give consent for my child to be dismissed from Stamford Raffles Campus and make their own way home at 4:30pm
- I will collect my child at 4:30pm from Stamford Raffles Campus

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_