



9th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

'We're all in this together' – Disney's smash hit musical phenomenon High School Musical JR. Production 2020, featuring the students of Broadstone Middle School.

Following the success of previous whole school production of Mary Poppins, we are excited to announce that we will be putting on another extravaganza in 2020. This year's production will be Disney's famous '**High School Musical JR.**' and will be open to all children in KS2 and KS3.

Disney's High School Musical JR. is a great way to involve a range of pupils within the school such as: singers, dancers, actors, student-athletes and behind the scenes members. The show's large cast size can easily be expanded to accommodate pupils of all abilities and its modern day school setting, scenery and costumes are easily accessible.

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical will come to life on Canford School's Layard Theatre stage, where Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of love, friendship and family whilst balancing their classes and extra-curricular activities. The show's infectious, danceable songs are sure to engage performers and audiences alike.



Show Time

The production will be staged towards the end of the Summer Term and will be shown over three nights at Canford Schools Layard Theatre. Please note that all children involved will be expected to be present for all evening performances. More details will follow regarding rehearsals, tickets and costumes.

Performance dates

Tuesday 30th June 2020 @ 7pm
Wednesday 1st July 2020 @ 7pm
Thursday 2nd July 2020 @ 7pm

Auditions

All children who wish to be involved, will be expected to attend an audition and commit to rehearsals. Our rehearsals are incredibly important and we require dedicated learners in order to put on a grand

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performance! There are a number of solo parts in the production this year and we will be running auditions for these during December and January, starting on Friday 13th December 2019, 3:05 – 4:30 pm. **The audition on Friday 13th December will be for those wishing to be considered for the following parts: Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay and Ryan.**

If your child would like to audition for one of these 4 main characters, then they will need to return their reply slips to the school office by Thursday 12th December and will need to attend the audition on Friday 13th December after school.

The remainder casting auditions will be scheduled through the month of January 2020.

Rehearsals

As you can imagine there is a lot of preparation and rehearsal time which goes into putting on a school production therefore rehearsals will start at the start at the beginning of February. Further information will be sent out about the rehearsal days and timings once the cast has been selected.

Volunteers

We have a dedicated team of staff that are volunteering to help with the show, but we would love it if you could get in touch with us if you would be able to support the show in any way. We are always looking for extra hands to help with set design, costumes, drama or even singing. If you are available to help us with the production in anyway at all then please do let the school office know.

The school productions over the past ten years have been very exciting for all involved and we are really looking forward to getting going on this year's show. We are hoping for a really good up take and can't wait to see our seasoned actors and actresses back again, as well as welcoming lots of new faces to the cast.

If your child would like to take part then please can you confirm their attendance and commitment to the production and weekly rehearsals by completing the audition form attached to the letter and return it to the school office no later than the Friday 19th December.

With the help of your very talented children we are looking forward to producing another blockbuster this year

Many thanks



Mrs D Curtis
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BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL REPLY SLIP

Re: 'We're all in this together' – Disney's smash hit musical phenomenon High School Musical JR. Production 2020, featuring the students of Broadstone Middle School.

Pupil's Name: Class:

Roles auditioning for:

Cast / Character	Please tick if your child would like to be considered for this role. (You can tick more than one)	Cast / Character	Please tick if your child would like to be considered for this role. (You can tick more than one)
Troy Bolton		James	
Gabriella Montez		Susan	
Sharpay Evans		Cathy	
Ryan Evans		Ms Tenny – Science moderator	
Jack Scott		Ensemble	
Chad Danforth		Skater Dude	
Taylor McKessie		Thespian	
Kelsi Nielson		Brainiacs	
Mrs Darbus		Student of East High	
Coach Bolton		Choir	
Cheerleaders		Dancer	
Jocks (Basketball team)		Singer	
Zeke Baylor		Any Actor / Actress	
Martha Cox		Crew Member (behind the scenes)	
Ripper			

I can confirm my child's commitment to the performance and rehearsals.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:

Please return to the School Office by Thursday 12th December 2019

High School Musical, Jr. Character Breakdown list.

Troy Bolton

Troy Bolton, the most popular kid at East High, is the star of the basketball team who yearns to be more than what people want him to be. Troy discovers he loves to sing, but is afraid to admit it to his friends. Look for a solid young actor who can convey the full range of emotions and character traits Troy Bolton embodies: athletic, independent, sometimes shy, smitten with Gabriella, a true leader.

Jack Scott

Jack Scott is the nerdy school announcer who trips over his own feet..

Chad Danforth

Chad Danforth is a hot-wired jock, second in command to Troy. He is focused on winning his school's basketball championship, but is slowly understanding that there might be more to this world, including his sparring crush on Taylor.

Ryan Evans

Ryan Evans is Sharpay's fraternal twin and a star in the making. This character loves singing, dancing and lots of attention. He follows Sharpay's orders, but wants to break free from her shadow.

Zeke Baylor

Zeke Baylor is a basketball player on the Wildcats Team. He has two secrets: a crush on Sharpay and a love for baking!

Coach Bolton

Coach Bolton is the stern basketball coach and Troy's dad. He lost the big game years ago and wants a second chance through his son.

Gabriella Montez

Gabriella Montez is the new girl in school. Gabriella is intelligent, pretty ("girl next door" type) and shy. She possesses a fantastic voice when she sings with Troy.

Taylor McKessie

Taylor McKessie, the head Brainiac of the school, is the president of the Science Club. She wants Gabriella to join the Science Decathlon team so they can finally win the competition. Taylor has a hidden soft spot for Chad, which might be why she is always making fun of him.

Sharpay Evans

Sharpay Evans is the egocentric star of the school musicals. She is Ryan's older twin (and the alpha dog of the two) and has a mad crush on Troy. Sharpay has never met a mirror she didn't like.

Martha Cox

Martha Cox is a proud member of the Science Club and is brainy with a secret love of dancing. She has a fun-loving sidekicky personality and becomes an adoring devotee of Gabriella. Cast an actor who is kind and funny. The role has important featured solos but the voice quality is not as important as the character.

Kelsi Nielsen

Kelsi Nielsen is a thespian rehearsal pianist and student composer extraordinaire. Underneath her shy demeanor, Kelsi has no tolerance for people (read: Sharpay) who use their talent only to be number one.

Ms. Darbus

Ms. Darbus is the eccentric drama teacher. She is an amusing blend of Gertrude Stein and Ethel Merman. Passionate and disciplined, she is always trying to expose students to the enrichment and fun of theatre.

Ensemble

The Ensemble makes up all the other characters who populate East High School: Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians, Skater Dudes, Cheerleaders, Ms. Tenny, Science Decathlon Moderator, etc., with a few featured solo parts further

described below. The ensemble is present throughout the show and provides the vocal power for the group numbers.

Ripper

Ripper is a cool skater dude who is, lo and behold, a cello player!

James

In the big Audition scene, James is the auditionee who sings so badly-off key it would scare anyone!

Susan

Susan is the "pop star wannabe" audition candidate.

Cathy

Cathy is the auditionee who can belt like Ethel Merman!

Cyndra

Cyndra is the final auditionee and she sounds like an opera audition for the Met.

