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CA:Drama/GirlsLikeThatPermission/MJP/tjr

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Drama department will be directing a Sixth Form/Year 11 play called 'Girls Like That' by Evan Placey. 'Girls Like That' is part of Evan Placey's 'Plays for Teenagers' collection and addresses the following:

'An urgent and explosive new play that explores the pressures on young people today in the wake of advancing technology.

When a naked photograph of Scarlett goes viral, she becomes the centre of attention for all the wrong reasons. But while rumours run wild and everyone forms an opinion, Scarlett just stays silent.

With roles for up to twenty - four young female actors (though it can also be performed by a smaller cast), the play is perfect for any schools, youth theatres or drama groups looking to tackle a contemporary subject in a theatrically exciting way.

Specially commissioned by Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Theatre Royal Plymouth and West Yorkshire Playhouse, Girls Like That was developed through work with young people from the three theatres and first performed by their youth theatre companies in 2013.

"[Tackles] strong, relevant issues... a well - written, immaculately crafted and brave piece of energetic theatre." - A Younger Theatre

"An urgent, powerful and haunting examination... I can see this play becoming a very popular resource for 16+ groups and that will be no bad thing." National Drama Magazine.'

<https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/18406302> - girls - like - that

When staged at the Unicorn Theatre, the play was targeted at 13+, although we feel that it is more appropriate for older students due to the language, themes and the maturity required. Mrs Haywood will be leading the Year 11 group of students, alongside and in collaboration with Mrs Jackson-Pate and the Sixth Form students. We are going to lead a read-through for Year 11 on **Tuesday 28th September 3pm-4.30pm** together, and require permission slips for your child to attend. We endeavour for this production to be staged in the first term, and will be balancing the pressures on Year 11 by ensuring the parts allocated are ensemble-focused and manageable to the individual. Following on from the read-through we will provide an edited version of the script.

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Please do feel free to email mjackson-pate@chenderit.net if you have any questions.

If there are any special requirements, please notify us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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REPLY SLIP –

I/we give permission for (Student's Name) _____ Tutor Group _____
to be a part of 'Girls Like That' by Evan Placey.

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____