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Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on our arrangements for drama for the remainder of this term. In my end of term letter, I notified you that Mrs Gale had made the decision to retire at the end of the academic year. At the beginning of this term however, we received news that Mrs Gale was unable to work this term due to illness. I have subsequently made cover arrangements for drama lessons in Prep & PrePrep. With regard to Prep, I have asked Mrs Pippa Salter to lead drama until the end of this term. During this time the older pupils will focus upon sketches from the musical 'Bugsy' with the aim of a mini performance at the end of term. This is an exciting opportunity which I am sure your children will benefit from this immensely. In PrePrep, Mrs Liz Parkes will cover the drama lessons in line with the Early Years and KS1 curriculum.

Mrs Gale's absence also impacts upon her private drama pupils and I would like to confirm that there will be no further private lessons taking place this term. Please contact the Bursary if you have any queries regarding payment of fees. As from September, there will be an option to begin private lessons again when a new drama teacher has been appointed. In previous years, Buchan has offered a range of options including LAMDA as well as ESB. Once the appointment of a new teacher has been made, I will of course confirm the option available from September.

Finally, after discussion with the teachers and pupils involved, we have had to make the decision to end the Stagecraft (extra curricular) session as from this week until September. Mrs Gale led this group and it is now difficult for others to continue with her existing production plan. Pupils from Stagecraft may join in the other extra curricular activities offered if spaces are available. Please confirm your child's new choice with the school office.

Please contact me at school if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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