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PGS Drama Programme, 2025-26

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Introduction

2024-25 was a vintage year for Drama at PGS. It truly had everything - Shakespeare, rock music, a very Curious Incident, seriously funky nuns, and a servant of two guvnors that took the roof off the marquee. How do you follow that? Well, first and foremost, by trying to find the same high-quality opportunities for our wonderful performers to shine. As bittersweet as it is to see talented pupils depart, it's exciting to see so many others come through, from Year 7 (and indeed, Year 6) upwards, to replace them. It's difficult to remember a period when we've had so much dramatic potential in the school at one time. Lucky us, and lucky you.

The productions in this brochure (with audition dates, where relevant) have been chosen to entertain and challenge, and we know audiences will enjoy them. Together with House Drama, Dance Live, and other performance-related projects during the year, we think PGS has a dramatic offering to rival anyone. As ever, we hope to see you at one, some or, preferably, everything. You won't be disappointed.

Mr J F Robinson
Director of Drama
The Portsmouth Grammar School

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a black leather jacket. The focus is on the texture of the leather and a zipper. The zipper teeth are visible in the lower right, and the leather shows some wear and creasing. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture and creating deep shadows.

GREASE

BY JIM JACOBS AND WARREN CASEY

Autumn

Senior School Musical

Years 9 - 13

David Russell Theatre
27 - 29 November 2025

Get ready to hand jive your way back to the 1950s with the ultimate high school musical!

Join the students of Rydell High as they sing, dance, rock 'n roll their way through the rollercoaster of teenage life. *Grease* follows sweet and sensible Sandy and cool greaser Danny as they navigate love, friendship, and fitting in after an unexpected summer romance. But can their relationship survive the social scene of cliques, leather jackets, and fast cars?

Packed with unforgettable songs like "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'," and "You're the One That I Want," *Grease* is bursting with energy, humor, and heart. With slick moves, big tunes, and 50s flair, our Senior School production promises to be dazzling, electric and unmissable.

So grab your poodle skirts and leather jackets—it's time to rock Rydell!

Our Town

by Thornton Wilder



Spring

Upper School Play

Years 9 - 11

David Russell Theatre
18 - 20 March 2026

Auditions: Thursday 11 September 2025

Step into Grover's Corners, a small American town where the big moments of life quietly unfold...

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Our Town* is a moving, thought-provoking journey through the everyday lives of ordinary people. With warmth, humor and honesty, the play follows the lives of neighbors, friends, and families—especially young George Gibbs and Emily Webb—as they grow up, fall in love, and face the bittersweet beauty of life's fleeting moments.

Guided by the mysterious and insightful Stage Manager, the audience is invited to reflect on what truly matters—friendship, family, dreams, and the preciousness of time, and how even the smallest details of daily life can hold deep value.

946: The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips

adapted by Emma Rice from the
book by Michael Morpurgo



Summer

Middle School Play **Years 7 & 8**

David Russell Theatre
13 - 15 May 2026

Auditions - Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 November 2025

What if the bravest hero in World War II... was a cat?

Set in a sleepy seaside village in Devon during the final years of World War II, *946: The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips* tells the heartwarming and thrilling story of 12-year-old Lily Tregenza and her beloved cat, Tips. When American soldiers arrive to prepare for a massive invasion, Lily's world is turned upside down—especially when Tips goes missing in the middle of a military evacuation.

Based on the book by celebrated author Michael Morpurgo and adapted for the stage by the brilliant Emma Rice, this imaginative play blends live music, puppetry, and storytelling to bring history to life in a way that's funny, moving, and full of heart.



**TO
BE
ANNOUNCED**

The Sixth Form Play 2026
Summer Term 2026

Other Drama Productions.....

HOUSE **Drama**

16th October 2025

Expect the usual rib-tickling evening in the company of a variety of sitcoms, sketch shows and, inevitably, Monty Python. It's an absolute pupil favourite, and very popular with audiences too, so make sure you're there.



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