Drama - Middle School Musical

At the start of this term over 70 Year 9 and 10 students auditioned for this year's Middle School Musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie. The auditions involved singing, acting and dancing, and have unearthed a vast array of talent in our midst. The cast will be announced in Week 6, with rehearsals beginning shortly afterwards.

Based on the 1967 film of the same name, Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of a small-town girl, Millie Dillmount, who comes to New York City to marry for money instead of love—a thoroughly modern aim in 1922 when women were just entering the workforce. Millie soon begins to take delight in the flapper lifestyle, but problems arise when she checks into the Hotel Priscilla for Women. The show opened on Broadway in April 2002 and subsequently won six 2002 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Due to the success of the original Broadway production, there was a US tour in 2003 and a West End production launched in the same year, followed by a UK tour in 2005.

The Middle School Musical is a biennial event that is open to all students in Years 9 and 10. Students are also involved in the technical support of the production, with many being mentored by Staff to better understand the roles of designers and technicians. With over 20 Pembroke Staff, several professional artists and experienced Old Scholars involved, the Musical is one of our largest co-curricular events in the calendar.

Parents wanting more information or wishing to be involved should contact Musical Director Sharon Reynolds or the Drama Forum through Wendy Lacoon on 8366 6782.

The performances will be held at the Norwood Concert Hall on the 21, 22 and 23 September.

Peter Woon
Director of Drama