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Dear Parents/Carers

QE School Musical 2023

As you may now be aware, the QE annual school musical has been announced for 2023: 'Shrek'. We are really excited to be able to put on such a fun family show for our community and I know our students will be truly amazing and professional throughout.

As the show is on at the end of January, we intend to hit the ground running early September, therefore, auditions will be taking place the second week back on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September 3:30 till 5:30pm. Students who wish to be involved in the musical will need to attend both auditions.

The students will need to come prepared with a copy of the scene included below to read in for Shrek, Fiona or Donkey, be in comfortable clothes for movement and dance and have a song prepared. They do not need backing tracks and they only need a minute to a minute and half of vocals - the opening verse and chorus will suffice. They can choose any song they wish to sing to showcase their vocals.

Rehearsals will be then each Wednesday and Thursday 3:30 - 5:30pm and I expect full commitment to these rehearsals to ensure the whole ensemble are happy, confident and prepared to put on an outstanding show, thus maintaining the exceptionally high standards we have seen from our students' performances over the years.

I am really looking forward to working with the students on this project and can't wait to see them in the auditions in September.

Have a wonderful summer break

Yours sincerely

Kerry Dewsnap

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(Acting Head of Drama)

FIONA

FIONA is skipping around like the overjoyed princess she is. SHREK and DONKEY are winded.)

You did it! You-did-it-you-did-it-you-did-it. You're amazing, you're wonderful, you're... a little unorthodox I'll admit but –

(regains her composure)

Thy deed is great, and thine heart is pure. I am eternally in your debt. *(SHREK enjoys the attention. DONKEY, however, feels slighted.)*

DONKEY

Ahem.

FIONA

And where would a brave knight be without his noble steed?

DONKEY

Alright! I hope you heard that. She called me a “noble steed!” She think I’m a steed.

FIONA

Well, Sir Shrek, the battle is won. You may remove your helmet.

SHREK

Ahhh... no.

FIONA

Why not?

SHREK

I... I have helmet hair.

FIONA

(coyly)

Please, I wouldst look upon the face of my rescuer.

SHREK

Oh no, you wouldn't... tst.

FIONA

(giggles)

But—how will you kiss me?

SHREK

What? That wasn't in the job description.

DONKEY

Maybe it's a perk.

FIONA

No – it's destiny. "A princess is rescued by a brave knight and then they share true love's first kiss."

DONKEY

With Shrek?! You think that *Shrek* is your true love? Hahahahaha!

FIONA

What is so funny?

SHREK

(also laughing)

Well, let's just say I'm not your type, okay?

FIONA

(losing patience)

Of course you are. You're my rescuer! Now remove your helmet.

SHREK

Look, I really don't think that's a good idea.

FIONA

Just take off the helmet.

SHREK

I'm not going to.

FIONA

Take it off!

SHREK

No!

FIONA

NOW!

SHREK

Okay! Easy. As you command, Your Highness...

(SHREK removes his helmet. FIONA stares at him blankly, confused but not frightened. SHREK smiles.)

FIONA

You're... an ogre?

SHREK

(...of course)

Oh, you were expecting Prince Charming?

FIONA

Well... yes actually. Oh no. I'm supposed to be rescued by my true love! Not by some ogre and his... *pet*.

DONKEY

Well so much for noble steed.

FIONA

You're not supposed to be an ogre.

(HE sighs, irritated.)

SHREK

Princess, I was *sent* to rescue you by Lord Farquaad, okay? He's the one who wants to marry you.

FIONA

Oh. Then why didn't *he* come rescue me?

SHREK

Good question. You should ask him that when we get there tomorrow.

FIONA

(stops)

Tomorrow?

(suddenly realizes)

Oh my gosh, it's almost sunset!

SHREK

So?

FIONA

(looks to setting sun)

I didn't realize it was so late. We need to make camp.

SHREK

Camp? But you've just escaped!

FIONA

Yes, and I found the whole ordeal quite exhausting. I need to rest

immediately. **SHREK**

That's unfortunate, because we're gonna keep going.

FIONA

I NEED TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO CAMP RIGHT NOW!

(SHREK and DONKEY stop in their tracks.)

SHREK

Very well. There's a cave right there.

DONKEY

Shrek! That's no place for a princess.

FIONA

(more concerned with the setting sun)

No, no it's perfect. Well gentlemen, I bid thee good night!

(heads for the cave)

DONKEY

You want me to read you a bedtime story? Cause I will.

FIONA

I said GOOD NIGHT!

(SHE disappears into the cave. SHREK and DONKEY stand in silence for a moment.)