Dear Students

If you are reading this letter, you have expressed an interest in being involved in the inaugural Huntingtower Middle School Theatre Production. The play we will be performing this year is “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. It tells the famous story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his transformation from cynical miser to generous benefactor. The production will be staged on Thursday 24, Friday 25 and Saturday 26 October in the Performing Arts Centre and will present over 40 Middle School students the opportunity to be involved, both on stage and behind the scenes.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the intended Rehearsal Schedule for the production. Being a part of any school production can be a wonderful experience, but it can also be a very large commitment in terms of time and energy. Before signing up to audition for the production, I would encourage you and your parents to read over the rehearsal schedule to determine if you will be able to balance your commitment to the production with your other responsibilities at home, at school and outside of school. Students who receive a role in the production will, more than likely, be required to rehearse two days a week after school, on Monday and Friday.

The production has a variety of roles to be filled, from leading roles such as Ebenezer Scrooge and the Spirits of Christmas Past and Present, to Minor Roles such as the Cratchit family and Tiny Tim. Unlike other productions, the Chorus are amongst the most important performers in the cast, as they will have frequent speaking parts, whilst also playing a variety of minor roles throughout the performance.

Also attached to this letter is a copy of the sections of the play that will be used in the Audition Workshops. I would encourage you to read over these scripts before your Audition Workshop, but not to worry about memorising the scripts, as you will be partnered up during the Audition Workshop with another student. Please wear comfortable clothing to your Audition workshop, as you will be taking part in a number of physical activities and exercises.

I am very much looking forward to working with you, on what I am sure will be the first of many successful, enjoyable and entertaining Middle School Theatre Productions.

Mr Adam Somes
Head of Middle School