



Thank you for expressing an interest in '**School of Rock**' (based on the Paramount movie by Mike White, Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Book by Julian Fellowes, Lyrics by Glenn Slater) with Colchester Operatic Society Second Edition (CO2). I am pleased to inform you that we are now able to share the following details regarding the pre-audition and audition process.

We will be holding **3 pre-audition rehearsals** which will take place 7-9:30pm at Philip Morant School, Rembrandt Way, Colchester CO3 4QS in the performing arts block (follow signs for the Q theatre). as follows:

Tuesday 7th March- an opportunity for **all young people** to learn the movement audition piece, vocal audition pieces and start exploring the different roles available.

Tuesday 14th March- this is for anyone interested in **instrumental parts only**. (You will be required to supply your own guitars and amplifier; we will supply an electric drum kit and keyboard)

Tuesday 21st March- another opportunity for **all young people** to learn or refresh the audition pieces.

You must register in advance for each young person wishing to attend the pre-audition rehearsals by completing this form. <https://forms.office.com/e/GwaAtGVvGd>

There is a cost of £20 per young person for the pre-audition rehearsals and audition. This can be paid in advance via BACS to the Colchester Operatic Society account or by cash on the day:

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The **auditions** will be held on Sunday 26th March from 10am onwards. A plan for the day will be made available once we know how many young people are auditioning.

Please note that all rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays, 7-9:30pm during term time and some Sundays (7/5, 28/5, 11/6, 25/6, 10/9, 17/9, 24/9) 10am-4pm at Philip Morant School. A rehearsal schedule will be made prior to the auditions so please ensure that you have checked your availability against the dates. We will expect good attendance as otherwise this can impact the

rest of the cast and the creative team's plans. There will be an opportunity to inform us of any pre-planned absences.

All young people must be available for all dates 1st-8th October 2023 except 2nd October. No young people will be required to miss any education during this production.

If successful a show fee of £75 plus a £10 membership fee will be due, this is used to help cover the costs of the rehearsal venue. This can be paid in instalments if needed and we also have a bursary (hardship fund) available to support anyone who may find it difficult to cover this cost. This information will be shared following the auditions.

Please be aware that all adults involved with running the events hold an up-to-date enhanced DBS and there will always be registered chaperones (with Essex County Council) present. We take the safeguarding of all young people seriously and you can view our [Safeguarding Policy here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact co2theatre@colchesteroperaticsociety.co.uk.

Many thanks,

Charlotte Butcher

Chair of CO2