



5 November 2008

Dear Parents

This year's senior production is the The Matchgirls by Bill Owen and Tony Russell.

This rousing musical with a jazz score is set in Bryant and May's Factory in London's East End in the 1888. Based on fact, the play recounts the tale of the strike by the girls employed at the Bryant & May match factory in 1888 when unions were still grasping for recognition and mass withdrawal of labour was almost unheard of as a strategy in industrial relations. The workers were driven to rebel against appalling working conditions and discipline maintained by a system of crippling fines and sanctions.

The show is exuberant and funny, utilising the natural wit of the 'cockney sparrow' whilst retaining the tale of their victory over what was callous and unbending management.

We invite you to apply for tickets using the form below. Performances in the Prissian Theatre take place on Wednesday 3, Thursday 4, Friday 5, Saturday 6 December at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced £7 for adults and £5 for children, will be allocated on first come, first served basis. Please make cheques payable to James Allen's Girls' School, and return the form by hand or post to the Drama Office, JAGS, East Dulwich Grove, London SE22 8TE.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Billington
Director of Drama

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE MATCHGIRLS TICKETS

Please post or hand in this completed form with your cheque , in an envelope, to the Drama Office, 144, East Dulwich Grove, London SE22 8TE.

Name.....

Daughter's name and form.....

Phone number.....

Table with 5 columns: Date/Time, No. of adults @ £7, No. of children @ £5. Rows for Wednesday 3 December, Thursday 4 December, Friday 5 December, Saturday 6 December.

Total amount enclosed £.....(cheques only, made payable to JAGS)