



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Our ref: MBE/sjt

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Princess Essex at The Globe Theatre

I have several spare tickets to see Princess Essex at The Globe Theatre on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2024. We will be leaving school by coach at 5.00pm and returning at approximately 11.30pm. This is a particularly exciting production for our students to witness, firstly because it is set in Southend at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and secondly, and even more importantly, it is written **and** performed by ex-St. Bernard's student and staff member, Anne Odeke! This is the synopsis of the production provided by The Globe: It's Southend-on-Sea, Essex, in 1908. Princess Dinubolu of Senegal enters a beauty contest at the iconic Kursaal, Europe's biggest entertainment complex. Meet: Princess Essex. A fast-paced, music-filled, empowering comedy based on the incredible true story of the first woman of colour to enter a beauty pageant in the UK. Writer and performer **Anne Odeke** (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Globe) makes her Globe playwriting debut, celebrating unapologetic authenticity, audacity, and challenging the stereotypes that we still cling to. **Robin Belfield** (*Twelfth Night*, RSC) makes his debut at The Globe directing this inspiring story of bravery, beauty and belonging. **'Shall I tell you a secret? Anyone can be a Queen, but a real Queen wears the crown, she doesn't let the crown wear her'**

As these tickets are surplus from a GCSE Drama trip, if your child would like to attend, there is a short turnaround time and payment must be made on ParentPay by Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. The total cost for the trip is £30 which includes return coach travel and upper gallery tickets for the performance. If you should need to contact me urgently on the day, I will have a school mobile on me, the number for this is **07842245776**. If you would like your daughter to take part in this fantastic experience, please make payment on ParentPay, and you will be sent a link to Evolve shortly after.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs M Bell  
Head of Performing Arts