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All Transition Year classes, as part of their music lessons, have been busy preparing for an event called a 'A Musical Journey Through Time'. This is a Transition Year Music Performance Show created by the students and I together. The performance will take place at the end of January, during school time to an audience of 1st year students, with a date and time to be confirmed in the New Year.

Each Transition Year music class has been assigned a decade and they will perform songs from that era in a costume reflecting that time in music. The purpose of this show is to create a platform for the students to sing / dance on a stage and step-outside their comfort zone.

To date, all classes have been a pleasure to work with and it has been a very enjoyable experience on my part. Please support them in learning the lyrics and encourage them to listen to the songs and practice singing and dancing as much as possible to help enable the performance to be a success.

Preparations are in full swing and this letter is to ask you for your support in assisting your child has an appropriate costume ready before the first dress rehearsal which will be held in early January. The Transition Year classes have been assigned the following decades:

Tory	Shelton	Bective	Ferns	Glenstal	Rosbercon
1960s Music	1970s Music	1980s Music	1990s Music	2000s Music	Musicals

Listed below are suggestions for costumes. We encourage students to use clothing that may already be at home, borrow from family members or look in charity shops. Students have suggested sites such as Temu/Shein for costumes at low prices. Students may want to pick someone famous from their assigned decade and base their costume on that person. Students can disguise themselves as much as they want with wigs, sunglasses, jewellery, bracelets, make-up etc. but the costume must be comfortable and appropriate for dancing in. No masks allowed. If skirts are short, then shorts must be worn underneath.

Texts will be sent out after Christmas to confirm exact dates and times for the Dress Rehearsal and Show. The show will be held in the last week of January. The show will be performed for all first year students and parents/guardians of Transition Year students and will be held in the afternoon starting approximately at 1.00pm.






If you have any queries or concerns, please email me at tamara.lapthorne@abbeycommunitycollege.com

Further details will be communicated in January.

I hope your child is enjoying the build-up to the show and looking forward to the performance.

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 Music Teachers

	Costume Suggestions	
Tory (1960s)	Ponchos, beads, peace signs, medallion necklaces, chain belts, polka-dot fabrics, long bubble sleeves, flared jeans, tie-dyed shirts, work shirts, Jesus sandals, headbands, mini-skirts, A-line dresses, business-like suits – look at the Beatles, vibrant colours especially orange, yellow gold and green. T-strap shoes, big-hair do's (Bee-hive) etc. psychedelic patterns, turtle-neck jumpers, polo shirts, chino pants. Feel free to mix and match or base your costume on someone famous in the 60s. Think Elvis, Dusty Springfield, The Beatles...	
Shelton (1970s)	Sequins, flared shirts, flares, 'hippy' look, shirts with bold prints, floral patterns, wide collars, wrap tops/dresses, clogs, flared pants, maxi-dress, knee-high boots, boho blouses, chunky heels, etc. Think ABBA style! Feel free to sparkle!	
Bective (1980s)	Leg warmers (bright colours – can be easily home made – cut off bottoms, bright long socks), bandanas, denim, anything with shoulder-pads, blazers, shiny tracksuits, tulle skirts, suits. Think Madonna, Michael Jackson, Bon Jovi, Cyndi Lauper...neon colours.	
Ferns (1990s)	Oversized t-shirt, baggy jeans, gold chains, baseball caps, blazers, double denim, doc martins, flared pants, shiny tracksuits, v baggy pants, bright colours, bucket hats, shades, cargo pants, jumpsuits, over-sized jacket, combat boots, grunge-look – torn jeans, denim overalls...thick headbands, tube tops, bomber jackets. Think George Michael, Vanilla Ice, Kylie Minogue etc	
Glenstal (2000s)	Black leather jackets, v neck sweaters, jeans, anything really goes... big chunky runners, tracksuits, cowboy hats, ripped jeans, trench coat, shirts, blouses. Think Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake etc. Anything really goes in the 00s!	
Rosbercon (Musicals)	As the class are doing a Mama Mia dance as part of their performance they have opted to go with Mama Mia vibes...Summer Style...flowery-shirts, hippy, in addition a common theme has been agreed of everyone wearing bandanas, other possibilities include flared pants and summer vibes as in the Movie Mama Mia.	