



Dear Colleague,

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## **Maldwyn County Dancing Eisteddfod – 2 March 2016**

Below is the information you will need for this year's County Dancing Eisteddfod. We ask that schools please read this letter carefully, as it is vital that you pass the information in this letter onto colleagues and parents so that they are also aware of arrangements for this year's event.

### **High School Dance Competitions**

The above will take place at Hafren, Newtown on Wednesday 2 March to commence at 1:30pm prompt. Admission to the Eisteddfod is £5.

Admission wristbands for staff will be distributed to schools prior to the Eisteddfod

If you have not already done so, please could you ensure 2 copies of your CD/music and any synopsis are sent to the office as soon as possible.

### **Primary School Dance Competition**

The above will also take place at Hafren, Newtown on Wednesday 2 March to commence at 4pm prompt. Admission to the Eisteddfod is £5 for adults and £2.50 for high school pupils.

It is expected that everyone who is competing arrive in time for their competition. We are unable to hold competitions for anybody late arriving.

The programme and order of appearance has been set by the Urdd office. Only Urdd Staff have the right to change the running order and will only do so in order to allow the Eisteddfod to run smoothly.

A number of rules have been imposed on this year's event by Theatre Management that must be strictly adhered to. They are as follows

### **Backstage Access**

In the interest of safeguarding children, access to the backstage and changing room area will be restricted and monitored closely. Only authorised adults and competitors will be allowed admission to this area. Schools will receive wristbands prior to the Eisteddfod according to the number of competitors/competitions they are taking part in. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that they distribute these bands to individuals holding a valid DBS or CRB check. Stewards will be in place at the stage door and at the entrance to the changing rooms to police this.

**ADULTS NOT WEARING A WRISTBAND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS AREA.**



## **Code of Conduct**

The Theatre has prepared a code of conduct (enclosed) which we kindly ask you to look over prior to the Eisteddfod.

## **Competitor & Staff Seating**

No competitors will be allowed to sit on the floor in front of the stage, however the first 5 rows of seating in the auditorium (AA-D) will be reserved for them. Staff/Parents with wristbands and competitors will be expected to sit in these seats.

## **Public Seating area (E-P and Balconies)**

Due to the high demand for seating, no seats can be reserved at any time during the Eisteddfod. This will be monitored closely by stewards.

**I'm sure that you can appreciate that there is no other venue more suitable to host this Eisteddfod, in terms of stage area and seating capacity. On occasions during the Eisteddfod the theatre fills up and we therefore ask that parents and supporters be patient as seats do become available frequently. We must respect Theatre rules and fire regulations at all times.**

**\*\*\*New for this year – a video link will be streamed to the foyer for anybody who is waiting for a seat to become available\*\*\***

Yours sincerely

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