



# Dame Alice Owen's School

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## Twelfth Night

By William Shakespeare

In an adaptation by E Govier & N Kiernan

*This play is aimed at students of a secondary school age.*

Dear Parents

You are warmly invited to our winter production of the comedy 'Twelfth Night'. The play will feature students from Years 10 – 13 many of whom are studying GCSE Drama & A'Level Theatre Studies. The performances will take place on Thursday 14, Friday 15 and Saturday 16 December at 7.30pm in the Main Hall.

**Synopsis:** Our adaptation of 'Twelfth Night' is set in New York during the 1930s in the style of Film Noir. One of the first characters you will meet is Don Orsino, a shady personality who runs Brooklyn's criminal underworld. A dangerous and wealthy man, his only weakness is his desire for Olivia, a seemingly unattainable movie star. Although he sends her romantic gifts via Valentine his faithful emissary, she is not remotely interested in him and he spends much of his time brooding about ways to change her mind. Olivia has many admirers in New York, however she has sworn off the 'dating game' as she is currently in mourning for the passing of both her father and brother. Due to the suspicious nature of their deaths, Olivia has employed Rick Feste, a private detective as she suspects that they may have been murdered. Thrown into this maelstrom of emotions are the British twins Viola and Sebastian Braithwaite. Coming to America to seek their fortune, the twins are shipwrecked and separated. In order to stay alive in Brooklyn, get a job and search for her brother, Viola disguises herself as a man (Cesario) and takes on a dangerous role as Don Orsino's bodyguard. Part of this role includes visiting Olivia on behalf of Don Orsino, a job that Viola finds increasingly difficult as she finds herself falling in love with him. Despite Orsino's nefarious past, Viola finds that the biggest obstacle she faces isn't finding her brother; it's being true to herself.

If you would like to come and see a performance of 'Twelfth Night', tickets will be priced at £7.00 and can be bought online through Wise Pay. Ticket booking is now open.

To purchase tickets through Wise Pay please follow these instructions:

Logon to Wise Pay by visiting the school website and clicking on “Electronic Payments (Wise Pay)” in the top right hand corner and then click the Wise Pay logo underneath “Login to your Wise Pay account”. You can also follow this link:

<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/schools/hertfordshire/DameAliceOwensSchool/wisepay.htm>

(If you have a student at the school you will already have an existing Wise Pay account, even if you haven't used Wise Pay before. If you need your existing Wise Pay login and password emailed to you or have any other Wise Pay queries please email our dedicated email account, [wisepay@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:wisepay@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk) )

When you are logged in to Wise Pay, click on the **Tickets** icon.

Select the event you would like to book tickets for.

A **Calendar** will open up, select the date of the event you want to book tickets for (use left and right arrows to scroll if the event is in a different month than the one that appears).

Select the number of tickets from the dropdown box and click on the Purchase button.

This will take you to the Payment Screen where you can enter your payment details and go through to pay for your seat(s).

You will be sent an Email Confirmation; please bring this email confirmation as your ticket. We will not be producing paper tickets.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Karen Acosta in the finance department via email [acostak@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk](mailto:acostak@damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk). Please also be aware that local residents arrange for parking attendants to be on duty in their area when school events are being held.

I do hope you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely



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