



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

Circular No. 101 (23-24)

25th October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Invitation to English-In-Action: Reader's Theatre

We are writing to invite your son to join the captioned activity which is to be organized by the English Speaking Union (HK).

While you are most welcome to read the attached information sheets, you may find the following information handy as well. First, your son has been invited because he scored exceptionally well in the Pre-S1 Attainment English Test in July 2023, meaning that his English proficiency is up to the standard to read an English fiction independently (to be given free of charge) to complete some fun activities involving the use of voice for dramatic expression.

Secondly, we have deliberately scheduled the two workshops which all participants must attend on school feast days *(i.e. 31st January and 24th May 2024) so that your son can have fun on a school day without the stress of having to attend formal lessons in the morning. However, these proposed dates are subject to the approval of the Organizer and the workshops may take place on normal school day.

Like what the Programme Information Sheets have mentioned, there will be both educational and fun activities going on in the workshops and participants are expected to read the fiction. We believe this reading and fun activity will benefit your son tremendously.

Please go over this letter and the information sheets very carefully with your son before making your decision. Think it through carefully as we would like your son to be fully committed to this learning experience once he signs up for it.

Please kindly sign the reply slip below and return it to his teacher of English Language on or before Tuesday, 31st October, 2023.

** The two dates are subject to the approval of the English Alliance.*

Yours faithfully,
Mr. CHEUNG Wing Wah Eric
(for Principal)

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Reply slip

Circular No. 101 (23-24)

RE: Invitation to English-In-Action: Reader's Theatre

Dear Principal,

I have read and noted the content of the circular No. 101 (23-24), and my son _____ of Class _____ () **would like / would not like*** to join the activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian : _____


Name of Parent/Guardian : _____

Emergency Contact Number : _____

Date : _____

**Please delete where inappropriate.*

SCOLAR English Alliance 2023/25

1.	Programme	English-In-Action: Reader's Theatre (Code: ESU01S 23/25)
2.	Programme Partner	The English-Speaking Union (Hong Kong) was established in 2001 as an independent, non-profit-making organisation whose mission is to promote local and international understanding and friendship through the widening use of the English language. ESU HK is a registered charity under Section 88 of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance. It is affiliated to ESU International established in 1918 with branches that are non-political, educational entities operating in over fifty countries. Since 2006 ESU successfully curated for SCOLAR “Persuasive English: Debating Workshop,” “Listening, Reading and Understanding,” “Reading Programme” and “Reader’s Theatre” for secondary school students.
3.	Programme Aims and Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arouse INTEREST in local secondary school students with pleasurable English language experience such as speaking like an actor. • Build CONFIDENCE by practice speaking through reading and analysing a script as well as its characters through group discussion. • Increase their VOCABULARY by learning innovative words and their pronunciation and be exposed to a broader range of the English language.
4.	Programme Content	<p>Participants will be put into groups to learn reading aloud and assigned an act from one of the following books to speak like actors in a theatre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arsenic for Tea</i> by Robin Stevens • <i>Firefight</i> by Chris Ryan • <i>A Sound of Thunder</i> by Ray Bradbury • <i>The landscape with the Invisible Hands</i>
5.	Participants	<p><u>Student participants</u> 25 to 30 S1-5 students per school. <i>(All sessions are to be attended by the same group of student participants.)</i></p> <p><u>Teacher participant(s)</u> 1 to 2 English language teacher(s) per school for observing and supporting students’ learning.</p>
6.	No. of Sessions	Two 2-hour sessions
7.	Date and Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two hours on any two weekdays between October 2023 and July 2024, except public holidays. • Dates and time of the classes will be mutually agreed with successful applicants.
8.	Venue	At premises of the participating schools.
9.	How to Apply	<p>By filling the google form or scan the QR code presented on the SCOLAR website. https://forms.gle/b716DaAe8wCtMhVx5</p> 
10.	Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory video of the Reader’s Theatre Programme is available on SCOLAR and the ESU HK websites, Facebook, IG (www.esuhk.org) or via below link or

scan the QR code.

Reader's Theatre



- Classes will be on a first come, first served basis. In case of over-enrolment, applicants can indicate that they would like to be on the priority waiting list in year two (2024/25).
- Successful schools will be informed by the English -Speaking Union by email.
- If face-to-face classes are suspended during the programme period, the sessions will be conducted in online mode.