

## Holy Child School, Panchkula CIR HCS/25-26/33

July 30, 2025

## **Dear Parents**

We are proud to share that the students of Class 10 will be presenting scenes from William Shakespeare's renowned play of the 16th century, titled "The Merchant of Venice."

The play begins with Antonio, a wealthy Venetian merchant, who is deeply worried because all his ships are out at sea. His best friend, Bassanio, is in love with a wealthy heiress named Portia, wishes to marry her but lacks the resources to do so. In order to finance Bassanio's trip to marry Portia, Antonio borrows money from Shylock, a Jewish moneylender. Shylock agrees to lend Antonio the money, but with one unusual condition that if Antonio fails to repay the loan within three months, Shylock is entitled to a pound of Antonio's flesh and signs a bond. As the deadline for the loan approaches, Antonio's ships are reported lost at sea, and he is unable to repay Shylock. The bond is invoked, and Antonio faces the grim prospect of having to give Shylock a pound of flesh.

Get ready to put on your thinking caps and join us for a morning of intrigue, suspense and deduction!

We warmly invite you to attend and support the young performers on Saturday, August 2, 2025 in the mini auditorium at 10:00 hrs.

We look forward to seeing you there!