



PERFORMING ARTS NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 36

SPRING 2026



Boys Dance Workshop
Camp Rock Visit – Sandwell Academy
GCSE Music – An Orchestral Adventure Through Time
Thomas Telford Dance Festival
We Will Rock You 2026
Young Voices – Wicked Singalong

MUSIC

DANCE

DRAMA

THOMAS TELFORD DANCE FESTIVAL

AT THE START OF THE SPRING TERM, A GROUP OF YEAR 8 AND SIXTH FORM STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE CELEBRATION OF DANCE AT THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL. THE EVENT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THE PERFORMANCE PIECES THEY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING AS PART OF THEIR BTEC STUDIES AND SESSION 3 ACTIVITIES.

THE AFTERNOON WAS A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY, DEDICATION, AND TALENT, WITH STUDENTS CONFIDENTLY SHARING THEIR WORK AND DEMONSTRATING THE PROGRESS THEY HAVE MADE. IT WAS PARTICULARLY WONDERFUL TO SEE THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SHOWN BETWEEN PERFORMERS, CREATING A POSITIVE AND INSPIRING ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.



CAMP ROCK VISIT – SANDWELL ACADEMY



OUR WWRY 2026 CAST MEMBERS WERE RECENTLY INVITED TO SANDWELL ACADEMY TO ENJOY THEIR PRODUCTION OF 'CAMP ROCK'. THIS SPECIAL VISIT OFFERED A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE A LIVE THEATRE PERFORMANCE AND SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR SISTER SCHOOL. IT WAS AN EXCITING EVENT THAT FOSTERED CAMARADERIE AND SHARED A LOVE OF THE ARTS AMONG BOTH SCHOOLS.

YOUNG VOICES WICKED SINGALONG

ON 22 JANUARY, A NUMBER OF WALSALL ACADEMY STUDENTS JOINED YOUNG VOICES, EMMA KINGSTON (ELPHABA FROM WEST END'S WICKED), AND OTHER STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO SING THE YV26 WICKED MEDLEY LIVE FROM THE O2.

OVER 8,000 CHILDREN AT THE O2 IN LONDON, AND 500,000 MORE JOINING VIRTUALLY FROM SCHOOLS AND HOMES ACROSS THE WORLD, PERFORMED MUSIC FROM THE YV26 WICKED MEDLEY, A SPECIALLY ARRANGED SELECTION OF SONGS FROM WICKED.



BOYS DANCE WORKSHOP



THE WALSALL ACADEMY BOYS DANCE GROUP RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN A FULL-DAY DANCE WORKSHOP TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE. LED BY PROFESSIONAL MALE DANCE TEACHERS, THE DAY FEATURED TWO SESSIONS: MORNING CONTEMPORARY DANCE AND PARTNER WORK, FOCUSING ON TRUST AND CREATIVITY, AND AN ENERGETIC AFTERNOON HIP-HOP WORKSHOP. WE WERE ALSO DELIGHTED TO WELCOME STUDENTS FROM THOMAS TELFORD UTC, PROVIDING A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR COLLABORATION AND MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS THROUGH DANCE. THE BOYS SHOWED ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION, MAKING THE EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS.

GCSE MUSIC – AN ORCHESTRAL ADVENTURE THROUGH TIME

Y10 GCSE MUSIC STUDENTS RECENTLY ATTENDED THE HALLS IN WOLVERHAMPTON. THIS EXCITING TRIP PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF MUSICAL HISTORY AND ORCHESTRAL MUSIC THROUGH AN ENGAGING PERFORMANCE TITLED 'AN ORCHESTRAL ADVENTURE THROUGH TIME,' LED BY PRESENTER RACHEL LEACH AND THE WOLVERHAMPTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

DURING THE VISIT, STUDENTS EXPLORED A RANGE OF MUSICAL ERAS AND STYLES, INCLUDING ELGAR'S ENIGMA VARIATIONS, FLORENCE PRICE'S SYMPHONY NO. 1 – JUBA DANCE, AS WELL AS CONTEMPORARY FILM AND POP SCORES LIKE JAI HO FROM SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE AND A MODERN ORCHESTRAL ARRANGEMENT OF DEFYING GRAVITY FROM WICKED. THE EXPERIENCE WAS BOTH INSPIRING AND EDUCATIONAL, SIGNIFICANTLY ENRICHING THEIR COURSEWORK AND APPRECIATION OF ORCHESTRAL MUSIC.



UPCOMING EVENTS



ACADEMY'S GOT TALENT – FINAL

ASA PRESENTS 'BONNIE & CLYDE'

Y7 MUSICAL SHOWCASE

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

WE WILL ROCK YOU

ROCK MUSIC TOOK CENTRE STAGE BEFORE EASTER, AS STUDENTS DELIVERED A PHENOMENAL RUN OF 'WWRY 2026'. THE ENERGETIC SHOWCASE PAID BRILLIANT HOMAGE TO QUEEN, CAPTIVATING THE CROWD BY CHANNELLING THE BAND'S LEGENDARY SOUND AND UNFORGETTABLE STADIUM ENERGY. AN EXCEPTIONAL CAST OF VOCALISTS, ACTORS, AND DANCERS POURED THEIR HEARTS INTO THE SHOW, RESULTING IN A VIBRANT AND FLAWLESS SPECTACLE. THEIR HARD WORK PAID OFF ON A STAGE THAT CAME ALIVE WITH VIVID OUTFITS, STRIKING DANCE ROUTINES, AND A RAW PASSION THAT HONoured THE TRUE ESSENCE OF ROCK 'N' ROLL. THE SHEER QUALITY AND EXCITEMENT OF THE EVENT THOROUGHLY AMAZED THE AUDIENCE OF FAMILIES, STAFF, AND PEERS.

A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR PUTTING TOGETHER AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE. ANTICIPATION IS ALREADY BUILDING FOR WHATEVER SPECTACULAR PRODUCTION THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT TACKLES NEXT YEAR!

