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YEAR 7 MUSICAL SHOWCASE

IN OCTOBER, WE PROUDLY SHOWCASED THE MUSICAL TALENTS OF OVER 30 YEAR 7 STUDENTS, IN A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF MUSIC. THE CONCERT MARKED THEIR FIRST-TERM JOURNEY IN MUSIC LESSONS, HIGHLIGHTING THEIR PROGRESS WITH LIVELY AFRICAN DRUMMING PIECES AND BEAUTIFUL AFRICAN SONGS THAT FEATURED VOCAL HARMONIES AND ROUNDS.

THE AUDIENCE ENJOYED IMPRESSIVE SOLO PERFORMANCES THAT DEMONSTRATED INDIVIDUAL SKILL AND CONFIDENCE AND THE EVENING WAS FURTHER ENHANCED BY A HEARTFELT PERFORMANCE FROM THE ACADEMY SINGERS CHOIR, FILLING THE THEATRE WITH HARMONY AND ENERGY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED – A TRULY INSPIRING START TO THEIR MUSICAL JOURNEY!



DANCE WORKSHOP – TTUTC



THIS TERM, STUDENTS FROM THOMAS TELFORD UTC ENJOYED AN EXCITING AFROBEATS DANCE WORKSHOP DELIVERED BY OUR VERY OWN MISS GREAVES. THE HIGH-ENERGY SESSION CELEBRATED RHYTHM, MUSICALITY AND CULTURE, GIVING STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE A VIBRANT DANCE STYLE THAT IS POPULAR IN BOTH THE COMMERCIAL DANCE INDUSTRY AND SOCIAL DANCE SETTINGS.

WELL DONE TO ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM, EFFORT AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

MANOR FARM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PROJECT

IN DECEMBER, WE WERE DELIGHTED TO VISIT MANOR FARM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS DURING THEIR CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

FOUR OF OUR TALENTED SIXTH FORM PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL, DELIVERING A WONDERFUL PROGRAMME OF BOTH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL FESTIVE SONGS. THEIR PERFORMANCE WAS MET WITH TREMENDOUS ENTHUSIASM AND WARMLY RECEIVED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE PROFESSIONALISM, CONFIDENCE, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT OUR STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED. THE GROUP WAS SUCH A SUCCESS THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN INVITED TO RETURN AND PERFORM AGAIN NEXT YEAR — A TESTAMENT TO THE POSITIVE IMPRESSION THEY MADE.



O'DRISCOLL BOYS DANCE PERFORMANCE



THIS TERM, OUR BOYS DANCE GROUP HAD THE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM AT WALSALL ARENA REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL ON A PROFESSIONAL STAGE. IN A TRUE DISPLAY OF RESILIENCE AND COMPOSURE, THE BOYS DELIVERED A FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE.

THEIR CONFIDENCE AND TEAMWORK SHONE

THROUGH AS THEY TRULY ROSE TO THE OCCASION AND PERFORMED INCREDIBLY. WE ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT THIS PERFORMANCE MARKED WALSALL ACADEMY'S DEBUT ALL-BOYS DANCE GROUP, REPRESENTING A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE AND A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED FOR YOUR COURAGE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT—AN INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT FOR EVERYONE.

Y11 ACHIEVEMENT EVENING AWARD WINNERS 2025



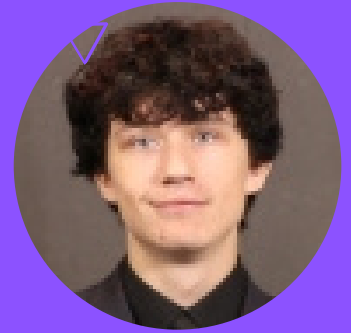
OLIVIA – DANCE

THE WINNER OF THE DANCE AWARD IS A TRULY DESERVING RECIPIENT. HER UNWAVERING DEDICATION FROM YEAR 7 THROUGH YEAR 11 HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL, AND HER PASSION FOR DANCE HAS CONSISTENTLY SHONE THROUGH IN EVERYTHING SHE DOES. THIS STUDENT'S VERSATILITY ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF STYLES IS REMARKABLE, AND SHE IS ALWAYS A JOY TO WATCH ON STAGE.



AMELIA – DRAMA

OUR WINNER OF THE DRAMA AWARD GOES TO AMELIA, A FAMILIAR FACE TO ANYONE WHO HAS TAKEN A GLANCE AROUND THE PRODUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS ADORNING OUR CORRIDORS. SHE GAINED A DISTINCTION FOR THE COURSE IN YEAR 11 AND CONTINUES TO DISTINGUISH HERSELF THROUGH HER IMPRESSIVE ABILITIES IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE, SPECIALISING IN MUSIC, DRAMA, AND DANCE AND SIXTH FORM.



CONNOR – MUSIC

THE WINNER OF THE MUSIC AWARD GOES TO CONNOR, AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT WHOSE DEDICATION TO THE PERFORMING ARTS HAS BEEN INSPIRING. HE HAS TAKEN ON NUMEROUS LEADING ROLES IN SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS AND CONCERTS, DEMONSTRATING EXCEPTIONAL TALENT AND COMMITMENT AS A TRIPLE THREAT STUDENT IN MUSIC, DRAMA, AND DANCE. HIS PASSION FOR THE ARTS FUELS HIS AMBITION TO PURSUE THIS PATH FURTHER IN THE FUTURE.



THE EVENING WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY TWO OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES THAT TRULY SHOWCASED THE TALENT AND DEDICATION OF OUR STUDENTS. THE SIXTH FORM DANCE GROUP DELIVERED AN ENERGETIC LATIN AMERICAN HIP HOP ROUTINE, PUSHING CREATIVE BOUNDARIES AND CAPTIVATING THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR VIBRANT EXPRESSION AND SKILL. MEANWHILE, CONNOR AND AMELIA DELIVERED A POWERFUL RENDITION OF "WHAT WAS GOOD ENOUGH" FROM BONNIE AND CLYDE, DEMONSTRATING REMARKABLE STAGE PRESENCE AND VOCAL PRECISION. THESE EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES BROUGHT THE EVENING TO A FITTING CLOSE, MAKING IT A MEMORABLE CELEBRATION OF OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND TALENTS.

WATERBEAR COLLEGE OF MUSIC POST-18 CAREERS OPTIONS

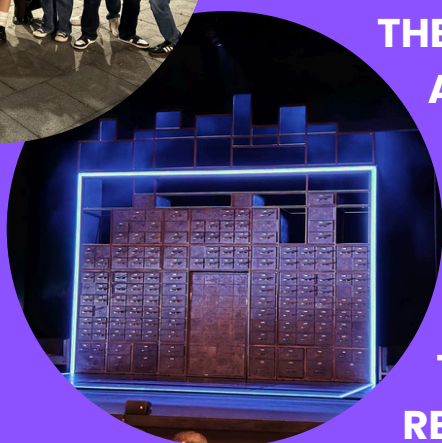
ON 17 OCTOBER, OUR SIXTH FORM MUSIC PERFORMANCE AND SOUND ENGINEERING STUDENTS TOOK PART IN WORKSHOPS WITH SHEFFIELD-BASED MUSIC PRODUCER AND ARTIST CONOR 'SEPPY' MERRISON, WHERE THEY LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE UK'S THRIVING MUSIC INDUSTRY AND THE MANY CAREERS AVAILABLE WITHIN IT. CONOR SHARED HIS WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH THE STUDENTS, WHO ALL LEFT FEELING MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED, MANY OF THEM NOW APPLYING TO STUDY MUSIC AND MUSIC TECHNOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY IN SEPTEMBER.



SIXTH FORM THEATRE VISIT 'FRANTIC ASSEMBLY'



SIXTH FORM ACTORS TOOK A TRIP TO COVENTRY'S BELGRADE THEATRE TO SEE LOST ATOMS, THE LATEST WORK BY ONE OF THE UK'S FOREMOST THEATREMAKING COMPANIES, FRANTIC ASSEMBLY. THIS INTENSE TWO-HANDER CHARTED THE JOURNEY OF A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP, TOLD THROUGH FREQUENT SHIFTS BETWEEN DIALOGUE AND IMPRESSIVE PHYSICAL THEATRE AS THE PERFORMERS SCALED THE SET, RETRIEVING THEIR SHARED MEMORIES FROM



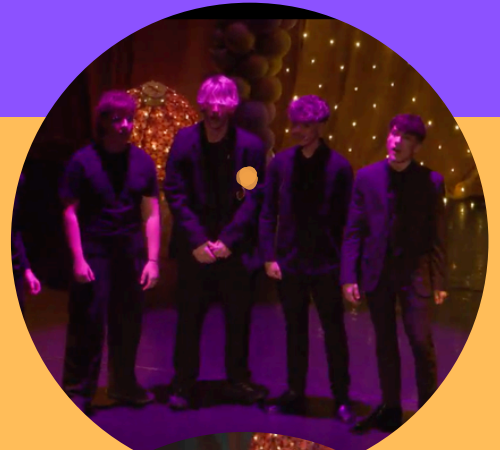
THE IMPOSING FILING CABINET WALL UPSTAGE. STUDENTS COMMENTED ON THE INTIMACY OF THE WORK AND HOW IT NEGOTIATED A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP WITHOUT BEING OVERLY-SENTIMENTAL. THE BLEND OF STYLES AND EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM EXPLORED MADE THIS A GREAT PIECE TO INSPIRE OUR OWN DEVISED PIECES AND BROADEN OUR AWARENESS OF THEATRE FORMS.

A VERY DISNEY CHRISTMAS

IN DECEMBER, WALSALL ACADEMY'S PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT HOSTED OUR ANNUAL FESTIVE CELEBRATION, 'A VERY DISNEY CHRISTMAS'. THE EVENT SHOWCASED A DELIGHTFUL LINEUP OF DISNEY-THEMED MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, CAPTIVATING A FULL HOUSE OF ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES.

THE EVENING FEATURED A WONDERFUL BLEND OF DANCE AND SOLO AND ENSEMBLE MUSICAL ACTS, MAKING IT A RESOUNDINGLY SUCCESSFUL AND ENTERTAINING NIGHT. FOR MANY STUDENTS, THIS WAS THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE OF PERFORMING ON STAGE AT WALSALL ACADEMY.

CONGRATULATIONS AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN MAKING THIS MAGICAL EVENT SO SPECIAL.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WE WILL ROCK YOU MUSICAL – 24 | 25 | 26 MARCH 2026

STAGES THROUGH THE AGES – 20 MAY 2026

GUITAR HEROES | METAL MADNESS – 10 JUNE 2026

ACADEMY'S GOT TALENT – 16 JULY 2026



SPECIAL EVENT

ASA PRESENTS 'BONNIE & CLYDE'
SUMMER 2026

GALILEO



**MEET
THE
CAST**

SCARAMOUCHE



STUDYING MUSIC AT KS4, IANIS IS EXCITED TO STAR IN HIS FIRST WA PRODUCTION & DEVELOP HIS PERFORMING ARTS SKILLS FURTHER BY STUDYING MUSIC AND DRAMA IN SIXTH FORM.

PERFORMING IN NUMEROUS WA PRODUCTIONS INCLUDING LEGALLY BLONDE & POPSTARS, AMBER IS CURRENTLY STUDYING LEVEL 3 DANCE & DRAMA IN SIXTH FORM.



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AFTER PLAYING LEADING ROLES IN ADDAMS FAMILY & POPSTARS!, RUBY DREAMS OF THE WEST END AFTER PLANS TO STUDY THE PERFORMING ARTS TRIPLE IN SIXTH FORM.



BRIT

PREVIOUSLY SECURING LEADING ROLES IN POPSTARS! & ADDAMS FAMILY, TAYLOR IS LOOKING FORWARD TO STUDYING MUSIC & DRAMA IN SIXTH FORM



KHASHOGGI

AFTER ROLES IN POPSTARS! & LEGALLY BLONDE, CONNOR IS LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAYING THE MORE SERIOUS ROLE OF KHASHOGGI IN WWRV 2026



BUDDY

CURRENTLY STUDYING MUSIC & DRAMA, EMILY IS PLANNING ON DEVELOPING HER TALENTS FURTHER, STUDYING MUSICAL THEATRE AT UNIVERISTY



KILLER QUEEN

PREVIOUSLY PLAYING ELLE IN LEGALLY BLONDE 2024, AMELIA IS EXCITED TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OF KILLER QUEEN THIS YEAR