

PERFORMING ARTS NEWSLETTER

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NEW?

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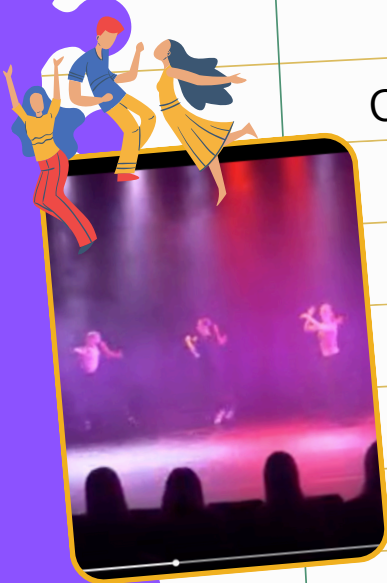
WHAT A TERM!

With the outstanding final performances of our spectacular School Production, along with numerous other events, the Spring Term has undoubtedly been the busiest and most dynamic period this academic year for Walsall Academy's Performing Arts department..

A selection of fantastic performances from Acting students in Years 10 and 11 were shared with an invited audience at our Drama Showcase. Ranging from an ancient Greek tragedy to more contemporary works, these wonderful young actors gave great demonstrations of their skills to their proud families and teachers.



Our Sixth Form Dance students had the opportunity to present their final Contemporary performance pieces at the Thomas Telford Dance Festival, where they shared the stage with performances from other local schools. The event featured a diverse range of dance styles from secondary schools across the region. The afternoon was a wonderful celebration of dance, highlighting the incredible talent and dedication of our students. It was a fantastic event that showcased the hard work of our dancers and their passion for the art form.





BLOOD BROTHERS

@ WOLVERHAMPTON GRAND THEATRE

Year 10 Drama BTEC students had the opportunity to attend a captivating performance of Blood Brothers at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. The powerful musical, written by Willy Russell, tells the heart-wrenching story of twins separated at birth, only to be reunited in adulthood with tragic consequences. The students were deeply moved by the emotional storyline, as well as the remarkable performances from the cast, which brought the complex themes of fate, class, and family to life.

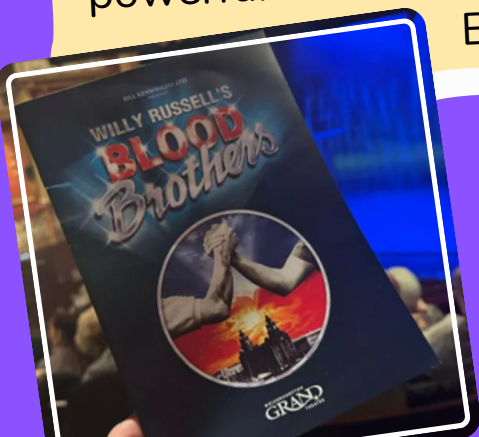
The theatre visit offered students a unique chance to experience the emotional depth and dramatic power of live theatre, sparking thoughtful discussions afterwards.

The students left the theatre with a greater appreciation for the impact of the arts, already reflecting on the powerful lessons learned from Blood Brothers.



Summer Term Events

- Stages Through the Ages - 22 May
- Summer Sizzler - 17 July





SWING INTO SPRING

Last term, Advanced Stage Academy students had the exciting chance to participate in **'Swing into Spring,'** an evening dedicated to 1940s style music. ASA vocalists performed a collection of jazz classics alongside modern arrangements in an intimate jazz club atmosphere.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to go back in time and immerse themselves in the rich sounds of the era, with everyone enjoying a memorable and entertaining night.



POPSTARS

THE 90's MUSICAL

In the last week of the Spring term, Walsall Academy proudly showcased an unforgettable performance of **'Popstars! The 90s Musical'**, captivating audiences with a vibrant celebration of 1990s music and culture. The entire cast, from talented vocalists, actors and energetic dancers, delivered outstanding performances that brought the iconic era to life on stage.

The production was a whirlwind of nostalgia, featuring hit songs that had everyone singing along and dancing in their seats. Students demonstrated incredible dedication and teamwork, working tirelessly in rehearsals to perfect every dance move and musical note. The stage was alive with colorful costumes, dynamic choreography, and a lively atmosphere that truly captured the spirit of the 90s.

Parents, staff, and students alike were thoroughly impressed by the professionalism and enthusiasm displayed throughout the show. It was a proud moment for the Performing Arts department, showcasing the incredible talent and passion of our students.

Congratulations to everyone involved for delivering such a fantastic performance — it was a true celebration of music, friendship, and fun! We are already looking forward to next year's show!

