

Performing Arts Showcase

On Wednesday 28 March the music, drama and P.E departments came together to put on a Performing Arts showcase. There were over 100 students involved from all years. The theme was film and television.

There were a variety of musical performances featuring music from the world of film and television. Music from Downton Abbey (string group), The Greatest Showman (choir), The Minions (junior band), Pocahontas (wind group), The Wizard of Oz (wind group) and Sweet Charity (choir) was performed. The samba band performed a unique arrangement of the Pirates of the Caribbean theme featuring Oliver Picken on trumpet. There were also solo performances and duets by Nathan May, Lucy Rees, Amy MacAulay, Hannah Schmeer and Anushri Ghosh.

By Mrs Burbage

We were fortunate enough to watch an array of dance acts on the evening. First up were our GCSE dancers who had choreographed and then performed their own dance. The evening was the practical element of their coursework and will be assessed by the examiners.

Year 8s Teagan Bendall & Alisha Bartlett, who will be off to the World Championships next month then mesmerised the crowd with their aerobic gymnastic routine. We then had a Year 8 dance troupe of Katie Rolfe-Sturgess, Tilly Cook, Evie Slater, Jess Lovell and Nyah Reddyhough who performed their version of 'Footloose'.

Katie-Rolfe Sturgess followed with her beautiful solo ballet routine. Our penultimate act was another dance troupe who self-choreographed and then performed their own modern dance. Sophie Pratley, Faith Wood-Blagrove, Larrissa Tchi, Akyra Hollyfield and Jasmine Messelles had been working on their performance for weeks and it all came to fruition on the night as they nailed the routine.

The evening's dance performances was rounded off by the Year 8 girls who terrified the audience with their version of a traditional Mauri haka! They had learnt about the origins and the reasons behind the haka in their core PE lessons.

By Mr Pringle

The drama club, led by a team of sixth formers created two performances entitled 'Doll Circle' and a second performance is based on the works of Charlie Chaplin. With his links to comedy, the drama club decided to create a piece with a slightly more Stephen King influence where everything is not quite as it seems.

As well as the drama club performances, a select group of GCSE students delighted audiences by performing light hearted extracts from plays 'Zoo Story' and 'Bizzare and Rummage'. Audiences enjoyed both the comedic text as well as the professionalism and talent of the students involved.

By Mr Whorriskey

