

News from Performing Arts

Frantic Assembly Workshop- Friday 6 February

Year 12 and selected Year 10 drama students took part in a workshop with a practitioner from the world famous physical theatre company Frantic Assembly.

'Our ambition is that we continue to learn and remain committed to making brave and bold theatre. At times it is physically dynamic and brutal. At others it's proudly tender and fragile. But Frantic Assembly has always been about more than just the work on stage. It is about the ethos of collaboration, of empowerment, of that constant desire to improve. It is about telling stories in a voice we don't always hear and about finding talent in places we don't always look.' Scott Graham, Artistic Director.



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George B, Year 12 in a 'calypso lift'

Redcape Theatre Company Workshop- Friday 14 February

Year 10 drama students took part in a workshop with Cassie Friend the artistic director and founder member of the local theatre company RedCape. Students will apply the techniques they learned in their devising component for the GCSE

'Working with the company helped with my understanding of techniques and ideas for my devising unit'.

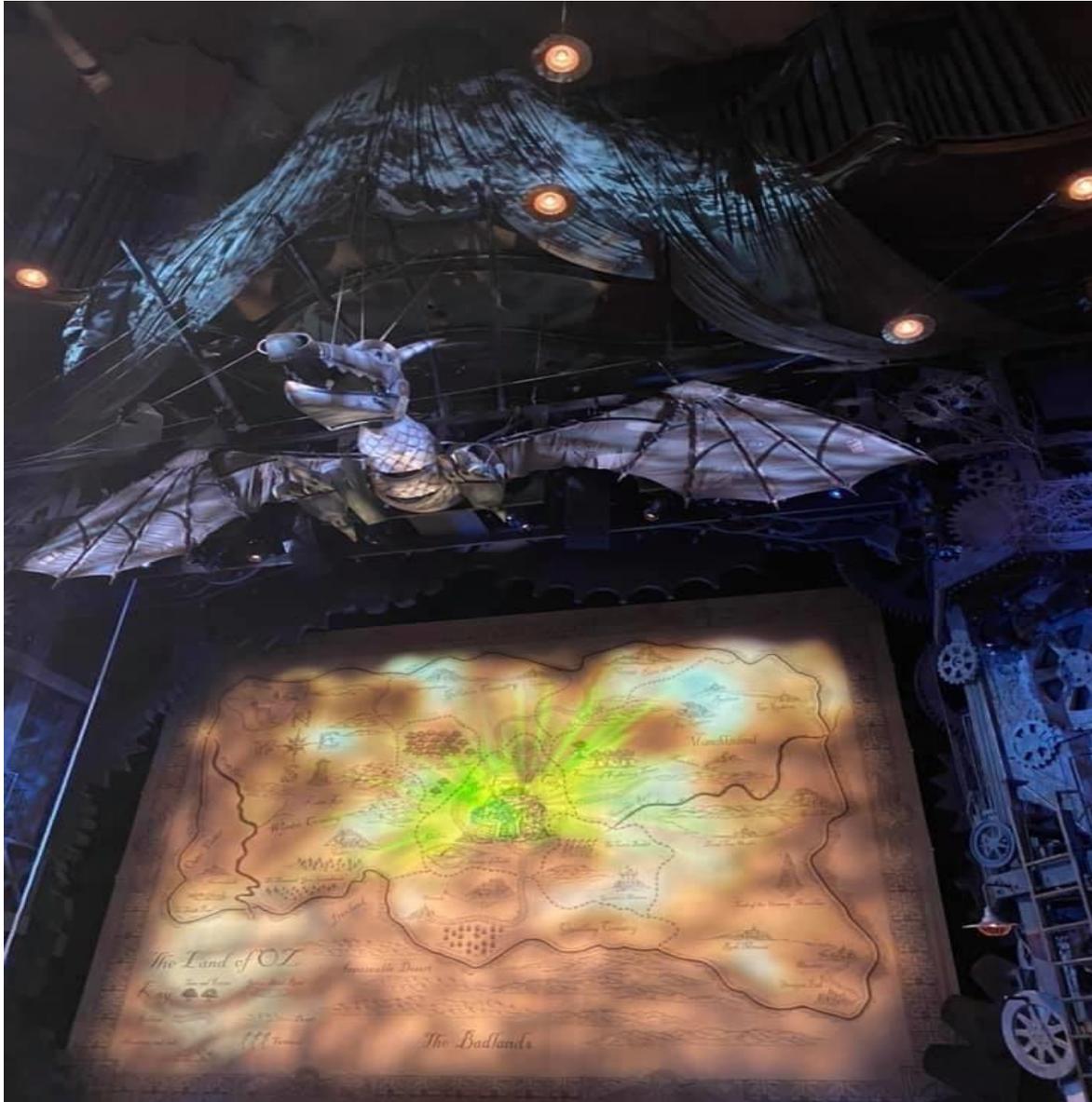
Year 10 student



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Wicked the Musical

On 10 March 50 Year 9-12 music and drama students travelled to London to watch the musical Wicked. Wicked tells the story of the Wicked Witch of the West from The Wizard of Oz. It questions whether the witch really was wicked or whether that was just how she was portrayed by others. The show answers many questions about the Wizard of Oz and has many appealing songs. The staging and effects are stunning and the show was enjoyed by all. The final song of Act 1 "Defying Gravity" is one of the set works for GCSE music so it is useful for them to see the song in context. All students demonstrated exceptional behaviour and we were all very grateful for the excellent seats.



Music Radstock Performance

On Friday 13 March 60 students from Year 4 at Radstock Primary School came to Maiden Erlegh to watch performances by Year 10 music students. The Radstock students are currently doing a topic on playlists and how sound is produced. The students were treated to a variety of performances which included vocals, the piano, trumpet and rock groups. At the end they asked some insightful questions and they said they were all looking forward to making their own music when they are students at Maiden Erlegh School. We were very impressed with the range of questions from the pupils from Radstock and they definitely made the Year 10 students consider their answers! It was a rewarding experience for both the performers and audience alike.