



Review of Musical Workshop by Emily Stevenson, Year 8

This was my first proper experience of a musical theatre workshop and I was extremely excited!

When I arrived with my friends and choir colleagues, I was buzzing with the atmosphere in the Auditorium.

As the ushers called us through, I started to get butterflies in my stomach. The ushers showed us to our set of seats, and we all settled in and started chatting. Then, a small man told us what to do and pointed everything out and introduced the conductor, Lynn Marsh. Lynn spoke to us about what we were going to do, and put us on the stage in our seats. After we worked out where we were going to sit, Lynn got us all up and warmed up our voices with lots of different exercises. The excitement began to rise, everyone looked happy and had huge smiles on their faces. We started our first song 'The Circle of Life', the man on the piano began to play and everyone went quiet, we all started to sing and it didn't sound brilliant but good for our first time.

Lynn taught us lots of new great techniques and skills with our breathing, she was fantastic at getting our attention. After we had done all of the songs, she made us put our music on our seats in the stand, so we could remember the words and so we could put in a few actions. Then we had break and lunchtime over, we went through the songs for half an hour, then were sent into the hallway and waited to be collected.

On the day of the concert, we all arrived nice and early and did the same routine. Once we were all on the stage, Lynn told us about what to wear and the order of the songs, and we got started again, added some more movement to the songs and perfected everything we had done. Just like that it was already 3.30pm, time to go home and get ready for the big show. 6.30pm soon arrived again at the auditorium, the band was getting set up, the teachers were warming up and us children were also getting warmed up. The audience began to pile in and we sat as still as possible.

Lynn stood us all up and introduced us and we began to sing, the atmosphere was amazing and once again before we knew it, it was over but the excitement was still amazing.

Lynn taught us loads and I had a fantastic time!





Music & Choir News

A very quiet term, this term!

We had students participate in the Grimsby Secondary School's Music Festival in Grimsby Auditorium on the 3rd and 4rd February (as described by Emily on the previous page). This was for members of the Chamber and Girls' Academy Choir.

On the 8th February, Academy Girls sang at the 101st birthday of Emily Stevenson's Great-Grandmother.

The Prep School participated in Music Madness and the following students were winners:

Prep 2: **Mason Dows, Lawrence Eaton & Sofia Chacon-Tuke**

Prep 3 & 4: **Alankritha Allamsetty, Esmee Alex & Yasmin Amin**

Prep 5 & 6: **Lydia Norburn, Katie Postma, Jenny Collins, Francesca and Gabrielle Radley**

On 22nd March, the following students participated in the ABRSM music exams:

Nicolas Kong	Grade 2 Piano
Kooby Koo	Grade 5 Piano
Enoch Wong	Grade 5 Piano
George East-Dunning	Grade 5 Singing
Laura Forster	Grade 2 Singing
Chloe Reynolds	Grade 2 Singing
Emily Stevenson	Grade 2 Flute
Lucy Smith	Grade 4 Singing
Claire Miller	Grade 4 Theory

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In recent months, the **Choristers** have sung to many hundreds of people...possibly thousands. The Advent and Christmas period was typically

busy and included Carols in the Square, the School Carol Service and Wassail, a concert at the Conoco Room in Louth and the funeral of Sgt. Matthew Telford, in addition to the usual services at St. James' Church.

This term has been no less eventful! The boys were again involved in the Greater Churches Boys' Choir Festival, this year at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton. We joined the Choirs of Wolverhampton, Croydon and Warwick for a weekend which included a concert on the evening of Saturday 27th February, and a Festival Eucharist on the following morning. Our boys played an enormous part in the weekend. With solos in the Mozart 'Coronation Mass', sung brilliantly by David Whitworth and a lovely duet from George East-Dunning and Lyle McNally in Greene's 'Lord, let me know mine end'. All the boys acquitted themselves extremely well. The quality of their singing was commented upon very favourably by all involved and they were a credit to both the Church and the School.

The visit of Dr. Rowan Williams to the Parish Church was apparently the first by an Archbishop of Canterbury in 1,000 years! It was a privilege, therefore, that our boys played an important part in the service. Both the Archbishop, and the Bishop of Grimsby congratulated them.

As the term comes to a close, a group of Choristers (both boys and girls) are about to sing at a thanksgiving service at Horkstow. The boys' holidays starts after the Holy Week and Easter Services at the Parish Church.

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L.A.M.D.A Results The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

Name	Examination	Result
Alankritha Allamsetty	Introductory	Merit
Antoine Gauvin	Introductory	Pass
Joshua Hyldon	Introductory	Distinction
Harry Lane	Preliminary	Merit
Teddy Woodhouse	Preliminary	Merit
Lydia Norburn	Verse & Prose Grade 2	Pass
Riaz Karim	Verse & Prose Grade 6	Pass
Yasmin Amin	Mime Grade 1	Merit
Clement Gauvin	Mime Grade 2	Merit
Benjamin Procter	Spoken English Grade 2	Merit
Sophie Marsh	Spoken English Grade 3	Pass
Abigail Richardson	Spoken English Grade 4	Merit
Kieran Procter	Spoken English Grade 5	Merit
Keri Davies	Spoken English Grade 5	Merit
Jordan Richardson	Reading for Performance Grade 4	Pass
Tommy Lee-Skudder	Acting Entry	Distinction
Liam Pudsey	Acting Entry	Merit
Ben Bertie	Acting Entry	Merit
Jenny Collins	Acting Grade 3	Merit
Katie Postma	Acting Grade 3	Merit
Ojas Pradhan	Acting Grade 3	Merit
Hannah Gaskell	Acting Grade 3	Merit
Callan Postma	Acting Grade 3	Merit
Matthew Alexander	Acting Grade 3	Pass
Talia Lee-Skudder	Acting Grade 4	Merit
Arthur Dijoux	Acting Grade 5	Pass
John Collins	Acting Grade 5	Merit
Henry Tang	Acting Grade 5	Merit
Ashley Draper	Acting Grade 6	Merit <i>Bronze Medal</i>
Sarah Collins	Acting Grade 7	Merit <i>Silver Medal</i>
Holly Fearn	Acting Grade 7	Pass <i>Silver Medal</i>
Scarlett Blakey	Acting Grade 8	Pass <i>Gold Medal</i>
Josephine O'Brien	Acting Grade 8	Pass <i>Gold Medal</i>
Jordan Eaton	Acting Grade 8	Merit <i>Gold Medal</i>