

VERULAM SCHOOL

SPOTLIGHT ON:

EDITION 12 : 15/01/24

SPOTLIGHT ON DRAMA

Drama at Verulam is going through a very exciting phase. Over the past few years, drama has delivered its first set of GCSE results and uptake for the subject at exam level has increased year on year. There is healthy and positive appetite for drama at Verulam.

This is best reflected in the hunger to be involved in school productions. In October 2023, we had a brand new state of the art lighting rig installed in our main hall. This has raised the quality of the kind of performances and productions we can offer at the school.

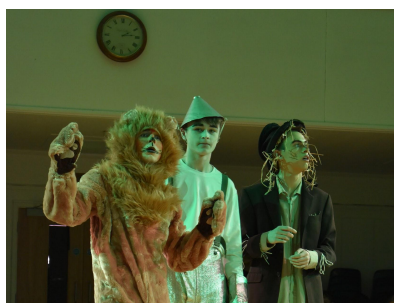
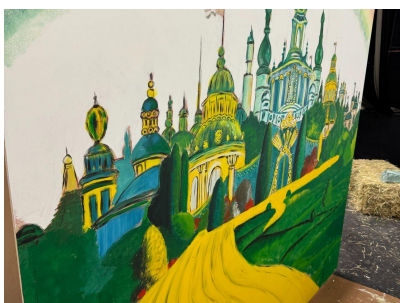
The quality and enthusiasm from students to participate was always there, but now their talents will be professionally illuminated, shining a big spotlight on the stage.

In 2022 we staged a wonderful production of 'A Christmas Carol' in which Henry (Y12) was an exceptional Scrooge. Henry went on to achieve the highest grade in the first GCSE cohort of Drama at Verulam.

It was definitely going to be a challenge to top that, but our Christmas 24 production of 'The Wizard of Oz' truly set the highest of standards. Over 30 students took part both on stage and behind the scenes. Over three days, these students performed the piece five times, one to Year 7 students and one to local primary schools. The three evening performances sold out and the response from the audiences was amazing. It was a truly joyous occasion.

Drama clubs continue to thrive with the Key Stage 3 club restarting and, such is the interest in many of our students to pursue a career in the Performing Arts, a Drama Masterclass Club will begin this term, offering those most enthusiastic students the chance to really dig deep into all aspects of the Performing Arts profession. We will welcome guest speakers including one time 'Doctor Who' companion Sophie Aldred and the creator of the TV's famous detective 'Taggart', Glen Chandler, who have already committed to come and speak to our students.

Life at Verulam is truly full of drama!



COMING UP SOON:

Date	Event	Time
Monday 15 th January	Year 11 Mocks Year 13 BTEC Business Exam	All day AM
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 11 Mocks Year 12 & 13 LIBF Exam	All day AM
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations Year 11 Mocks U13 & U12 Rugby Away	All day All day
Thursday 18 th January	Year 8 Work Shadowing Year 11 Mocks Into the Sixth Open Evening	All day All day 6-9pm
Friday 19 th January	Year 11 Mocks	All day
Monday 22 nd January	Year 11 MFL Speaking Mocks Sixth Form Taster Sessions U13 Rugby Home	All day 3.15pm
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 10 Art Trip Year 11 MFL Speaking Mocks Sixth Form Open Morning Under 15 Football Away	All day All day 9.15-11am
Wednesday 24 th January	Year 11 MFL Speaking Mocks Sixth Form Taster Sessions Under 14 & 16 Football Away	All day 3.15pm
Thursday 25 th January	New York Trip Parent Information Evening Sixth Form Taster Sessions	7pm 3.15pm
Friday 26 th January		