



## Art

Summer 2019



On 19th December Year 11 students had the opportunity to go to Coombeshead Academy for a digital workshop. This was delivered by Sam Eyre who is a Curriculum leader at the school and also a specialist in digital work. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity to develop digital work and produce outcomes for their coursework. On the day students developed research into Glitch artists, they then digitally manipulated original photos taken from their drawings. They then had the opportunity to use collage to develop their ideas which were transformed into really successful digital outcomes. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and the Year 11s were a real credit to the Academy.

The Art department held their annual Art Exhibition of Year 11 GCSE work on Monday 17th June. The evening was a celebration of all the fantastic hard work and incredible outcomes produced by the Year 11s. Many family and friends along with staff attended the exhibition and it was a real pleasure to showcase all the excellent work. There were so many positive comments and the students were really proud of all the work they had produced over the 2 year GCSE course.



Annual exhibition of Year 11 GCSE artwork



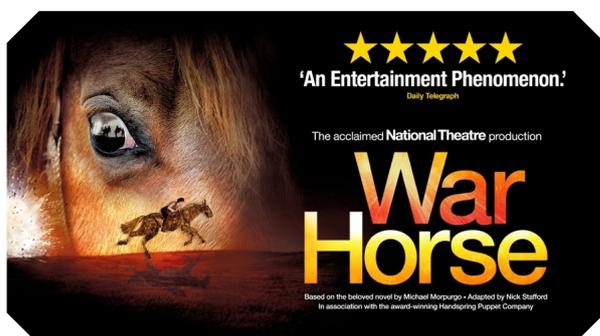
Artwork in support of Paignton Zoo

The habitat of the orang-utan, tiger, cassowary, and many other species is under threat from unsustainable commercial cultivation of palm oil. The animals' plight has been highlighted in the media in recent months, however the issues surrounding palm oil are complex and cannot simply be dealt with by a simple ban or boycott. Along with many other conservation organisations, Paignton Zoo believes that promoting the use of sustainably grown palm oil is the best way to tackle the issue. Local schools have been asked to produce an artwork in response to this which will be displayed at the zoo this summer.

## Drama



Having studied Macbeth as their Shakespeare topic this year, Year 8 drama students took part in the theatre trip to see Macbeth at the Palace Theatre, Paignton on 1st October.



On Monday 10th September, GCSE drama students from Years 10 and 11 went to see the National Theatre's production of Warhorse at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. Students are required to write about Live Theatre performances as part of their GCSE examination. The play is set around the outbreak of World War One, and follows young Albert on an extraordinary journey to bring him home his beloved horse, Joey. It was a superb

performance which left the audience experiencing a range of emotions from laughter to tears with our students saying it was amazing.

**Year 10 GCSE Drama Workshop & Performance for Open Doors Platform with Doorstep Art and Exeter University at the Northcott Theatre**

Year 10 GCSE Drama students took part in two 'Devising from Scratch' workshops in February with theatre practitioners from Doorstep Arts as part of Exeter University Open Doors Platform, culminating in a performance at the Northcott Theatre on Saturday 16th February. This was a superb opportunity to work alongside professional theatre practitioners and in a professional theatre and share their work with other schools and theatre schools.



*Year 10 drama workshop*

**Texts in Practice**

On Wednesday 6th March Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed their play extracts to the AQA visiting examiner for 20% of the final GCSE grade. Students performed two extracts each from a variety of five different plays covering different styles, genres and periods: 'Blue Remembered Hills', 'Girls Like That', 'My Mother Said I Never Should', 'Be My Baby' and 'Teachers'. The exam pieces were also showcased as part of the Easter Showcase.



**Drama students perform in Easter Showcase**

In April, students studying GCSE Drama in Years 9, 10 and 11 went to see their set play for the AQA GCSE exam, Blood Brothers, at the Princess Theatre in Torquay. This was a fantastic opportunity to see the production live prior to the written exam which forms 40% of their GCSE exam grade.



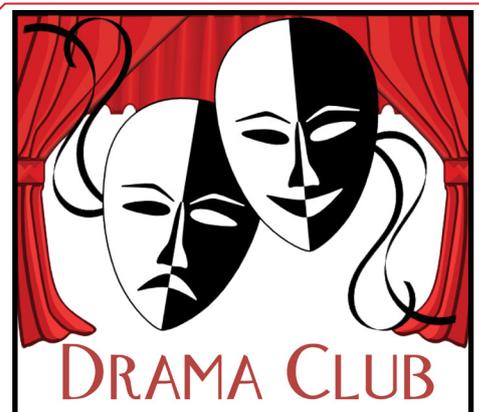
*Students attend a performance of Blood Brothers*



*Students watch Annie at Theatre Royal*



The Creative Arts faculty staff took the whole cast of the Summer Musical, Annie, to watch the professional production with Craig Revel Horwood at the theatre Royal in Plymouth in preparation for their own Annie Jr production in July.



for KS3 took place after school every Tuesday from 3.15pm to 4.30pm in the Drama Studio at Waterleat Road. The students performed in a Christmas play they had devised and written themselves at the Christmas Concert at Paignton parish Church in December.

# Dance



## An Evening of Dance

Year 10 and 11 Dancers shone at the dance evening on Thursday 22nd November where they performed assessment and examination work for their BTEC courses. The Year 10 group performed a stunning array of Contemporary pieces showcasing a variety of promise and talent, and the Year 11 group created a number of pieces in response to the stimulus from the exam board 'Time Changes Everything'. The evening was a great success and was attended by many parents and friends of the dancers. Well done to all who performed and thank you parents for your on-going support.



## Dance Department Show

Year 10 and 11 dancers performed work from their BTEC Performing Arts course. The Year 11 dancers presented a 15 minute group dance piece as a mock for their Component 3 examination and the Year 10 group performed pieces from their Contemporary technique unit of work.



## Dance Festival

Year 10 BTEC dancers performed at the Princess Theatre as part of the Paignton Primary Cluster Dance Festival. The theme was 'Musicals' and they performed an excerpt from 'A Chorus Line' which was assessed as part of their BTEC qualification.

## Y11 Performance

Year 11 dancers presented their Component 3 Examination work to family members. As per the examination rules, the group must perform to a live audience.



## Visit to Theatre Royal

The Year 10 BTEC Dance group visited the Theatre Royal's Education and Production Centre in Plymouth, as part of the 'Exploring the Performing Arts' component of work. They were taken on a tour of the centre where they explored the costume department, rehearsal rooms, saw set being designed and constructed and also learnt about the process of producing a show.

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The Faculty of Creative Arts put together an array of fantastic performances at their annual Easter Showcase. Performances were given from a range of key stages and included extracts from Blood Brothers and Teachers together with a mixture of exceptional musical talent. This is a real highlight of the year and we are already looking forward to the next one.



Paignton Academy students shone once again at the Torbay Festival of Performing Arts. The Academy band created an upbeat performance of Bastille/Marshmello's hit song Happier. The band also gave an uplifting rendition of the classic song by Brian Adams - Summer of 69, showcasing their exceptional versatility and talent as a group. Organised by Torbay Music Service, the event gave individuals and schools across Torbay the opportunity to showcase their musical talents in a professional setting. The evening was a resounding success for both students and audience alike.



## Music funding Applications:

we received £1000 from Tesco Groundwork and £2000 from Ernest Cook towards new instruments.

## Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert was a resounding success. The students and staff performed a variety of pieces and readings with a theme of 'Christmas around the World'. Students, staff and parents donated food for the Paignton food-bank and everyone left feeling festive.



## Instrumental Lessons

We have a selection of inspirational instrumental tutors to teach guitar/bass, singing, drums and piano. If interested in having lessons please contact Mrs Bidder at [aquara.bidder@paigntonacademy.org](mailto:aquara.bidder@paigntonacademy.org)

