

A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

All the headlines this week are about our 'Oliver' production! Thursday saw the final performance of a four-night run of a production which is our best yet.

Four full houses enjoyed a real spectacle of professional quality musical theatre performance. A huge team of people brought 'Oliver' to life, from our drama production, music direction and dance choreography teams to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make sure everything ran smoothly.

The real stars, of course, were all the students involved, from our Year 7 to 13 stars, to the various primary schools and their pupils who joined us for one performance each.

Director Miss Carden is justifiably proud of everyone involved in this great achievement. The Team has been preparing and rehearsing for these shows for many months and this was clear to see. It was summed up best by one happy audience member who declared, 'It was better than the Empire!'

Thanks to all of you who came and supported us with these shows.

Best wishes

Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal

Fashion Pupils Visit Clothes Show Live

On Monday 8th December Year 11 fashion pupils along with textiles and Hair and Beauty students were treated to a day of high fashion on a trip to the Clothes Show Live 2014.

Pupils watched a catwalk show where models were displaying all of the latest high street and couture fashions for men and women.

They also saw some of the work of fashion graduates from the University of Birmingham..

Students were also able to watch beauty demonstrations, participate in modelling photo shoots and indulge in some retail therapy.

They were also very excited to catch a glimpse of celebrities Jamie Laing and Andy Jordan from Made in Chelsea and Mario Falcone from The Only Way is Essex.



Cast and Crew Of Oliver Put On A Spectacular Performance



From Monday 8th –Thursday 11th December, OBA put on it's annual musical theatre performance with a hugely successful production of Oliver.

All 4 nights were performed to a sell out audience who were stunned with the professional performance of our extremely talented pupils. Weeks of hard work and rehearsal after rehearsal paid off though as the pupils and staff received rapturous applause at the end of each performance.

OLIVER!

Miss Carden, Head of Drama said; "The performances were a huge success. We would like to thank all of the pupils from school and members of the local community who came to the shows to support our pupils.

I would also like to say a huge congratulations to the vast number of pupils who were involved in the production from Yr7 -13. They all worked so hard and all of the staff in school are so proud of them!

It was clear that all of their hard work and dedication paid off by listening to the incredible reaction they received from their audience. We are already thinking about next year's production and I anticipate it will be even bigger and better than this year's"

