Discover how we explored a clockwork forest on our CEPA Grizedale Visit!
Welcome

The Arts help to create our identity; they help us to define who we are. We use them as signifiers, through our likes and dislikes, to define our place in the world. They also help us to explore and make sense of the changing nature of our planet and its turbulent past. It is for this reason, amongst others, that society places such emphasis on the Arts. We can ‘escape’ through entertainment to a better world or a purer one but we can also explore the difficult tensions that fill our lives through Art, Dance, Drama and Music.

This term has seen learners using the arts to explore the lives torn apart by the impact of the First World War and as our country starts to reflect on the events of a century past, we can truly say that at Falinge Park High School, we have attempted to explore the complexities and fears of that world changing event. Students have been involved in creating contemporary dances, animated poetry, songwriting and scripted performances ready for a showcase event at the Imperial War Museum North in June. We look forward to immersing ourselves in a rich and powerful experience on that one day in June this year.

Lunchtimes and after school clubs seem to be busier than ever and students have been able to drop in to film club, attend one-off workshops or regularly participate in all our usual clubs.

We continue to prepare for an exciting Arts Award Expo that is to take place on Wednesday, 26th of February 2014, featuring visual art, photography, dance, drama, songwriting, illustration, animation, film-making, mehndi art, sculpture and other disciplines. More on that later in this edition.

Did I also mention that we have moved building? We are excited to move into a new phase of our development as a Faculty as we explore the creative potential of our new rooms and spaces. We hope that you can hop onboard for the creative journey.

Simon De Courcy
Head of the Creative, Expressive and Performing Arts (C.E.P.A.) Faculty
Drama Club

Drama Club goes from strength to strength this year with some of the best attendance ever. The club runs every Tuesday in G2, the new Drama Studio and is led by Mr Mvula and Mr Lomax. Highlights of the year include the Christmas Party held in the old building before we moved and a recent visit to Bury College to see our ex-students perform.

If you would like to join Drama Club then come along to G2 on Tuesdays from 2.45pm until 4pm. The club is open to all years.

Theatre Visits

Year 10 BTEC Drama students have been paying regular visits to the theatre in the past two months as they prepare to ‘tread the boards’ at Oldham Coliseum for the forthcoming G.O.O.S.E. project. Students went along to see ‘Bedroom Farce’ and will soon be seeing ‘An Accidental Death Of An Anarchist’. On Monday the 17th of March, the Year 10 BTEC class will perform alongside other schools as they stage an original drama. For tickets, please contact the Oldham Coliseum Box Office.
Win! Win! Win!

It’s been a busy two terms for competitions in C.E.P.A. as there have been more than ever to enter with some great prizes up for grabs!

December saw the ‘Design A Set For Aladdin’ Competition and January saw the ‘Music Key Words’ Competition. February saw the C.E.P.A. ‘Bigger Challenge’.

Prize Winners pictured include:

Arsalan Khan, Aisha Bukhari and Monisha Nessa in Year 7

Sophie Graham and Laiba Ali in Year 7

Ali Hussain Shah, Abdul Wajid and Katie Hancock from Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7 respectively

Well done to all involved in all the competitions!
Arts Award Expo

An exciting showcase of visual and performing arts work by students of Falinge Park High School and Performing Arts College, Rochdale on Wednesday 26th of February 2014 from 2.45pm until 4.45pm FREE ENTRY
Wednesday 26th of February 2014 saw us hold our first ever Arts Award Expo in which over seventy students from Year 11 held stalls and exhibitions to showcase their Arts Challenge work. Learners have undertaken individual challenges and recorded their progress each week. The range of art forms was very diverse and students have developed their skills in either performing or visual arts. Photos of the event can be seen on our website.

The Expo saw attendance by over forty parents and friends of school. Students who undertook dance, drama or magic tricks were given a performance slot as the event took place from 2.45pm until 4.45pm. Arts Challenge stalls featured animations, mehndi art, drama, mask making, theatrical make-up, pop art, children’s book illustration, props, sculpture, photography and music.

The event was also attended by fifteen C.E.P.A. Learning Champions who looked around the stalls and discussed art work with students. Discussions were recorded on Feedback Record sheets for later analysis by students.
The Arts Award Expo also featured many ‘hands-on’ demonstrations for families and friends to try out. Several students held short magic shows with a range of tricks performed on various parents and staff. Also on offer were several stage make-up trials and children were able to be painted as either superheroes and animals.

As part of their Arts Award portfolios, learners have also researched a range of artists in their chosen discipline and looked at their career paths and opportunities. Students have also looked at the structure and staffing of both local and regional arts organisations such as Cartwheel Arts, Spiral Dance and M6 Theatre Company.

In addition to research, students are also expected to attend visits to exhibitions, live performances and arts events to review them and share their thoughts with peers.

The next stage of the process will see learners develop their Arts leadership skills as each student is expected to work with a group of students in order to teach them a new Arts skill. Learners will use the feedback from the C.E.P.A. Learning Champions to help prepare a lesson plan, deliver a short workshop and then evaluate their effectiveness.

It is hoped that the Arts Award process will help to cultivate a lifelong love of the Arts and develop the capacity and self-reflection of young people as developing artists.

Students have been very positive about the qualification which carries points for college and further education. We have certainly been delighted by student attitudes to independent learning and the highly creative outcomes on display at the event.
In The New Building!

A new studio space in our heartspace waiting for your creative ideas!

After many years of planning and waiting, we have finally moved into our new building and we are proud to show the results of the wait. The C.E.P.A. Faculty has many specialist areas designed to enable our learners to have every opportunity to succeed in the Arts. The majority of our rooms are on the ground floor with the exception of the Art Hub space.

On the ground floor you will find the CEPA Office (N.026) and our new Drama Studio, complete with semi-sprung floor, lighting rig and new floor-to-ceiling digital projection. There are also two music classrooms with integrated music technology and a suite of three practice rooms, a music ensemble room and a music store. We have also recently upgraded our music equipment to include two new electric pianos and a brand new acoustic piano.

On the first floor you can find the Art Hub space with a large open plan classroom space and an I.T. suite for Art Photography. There is a brand new kiln and gallery area and we also enjoy the use of the large heartspace for dance and drama lessons and large scale events. Exciting spaces!
Visit to Grizedale Forest and Sculpture Trail, Cumbria

On Saturday, 30th of November 2013, learners travelled to the Grizedale Forest in the Lake District where they took a walk along the trails to see the new sculptures installed in various locations. The weather proved to be beautiful and the group enjoyed a pleasant lunch in the Forest Visitor Centre. Many students brought along a camera and were able to gather evidence for their Arts Award portfolios.

We were delighted to be able to see several new 3D artworks recently installed and the group spent some time in discussion about the themes of the pieces. Well done to all learners who came along and we hope the day proved inspirational. More photos on our website!
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The Odyssey

Summer 2015
On Wednesday, 29th of January 2014, the C.E.P.A. team held a primary staff INSET titled ‘How To Stage A School Production’. The two hour training session featured a range of topics such as theatrical licensing, lighting and sound equipment, special effects, stage management, set design and construction and an introduction to theatrical vocabulary. The session was well received by the staff who came along and each member of staff left with a resource pack, featuring posters and display material for each element of performance and a set of floor markers to help in the direction of their next school production. Many thanks to Mr De Courcey and Mr Wilcock who ran the event and to Mr Ahmed for recording the key moments from the day.

Mr Mvula, Mr Lancaster, Mr Wilcock and Mr Ahmed recently attended a training session led by NStage to learn how to get the full use out of our new lighting and sound equipment in the heartspaces. We look forward to seeing it in use soon.

Music students have recently finished at the Rochdale Youth Festival of Music where our groups earned both ‘Honours’ and ‘Highly Commended’. Well done to all!

Our forthcoming Music show, ‘Neon’ takes place on Tuesday, 25th of March 2014 from 6pm until 8pm. Featuring a range of styles and performances from soloists, duos and groups, the annual music show event is always entertaining and of a very high quality. Tickets cost £3.00 and are available from the CEPA Office at breaktimes, lunchtimes or after school. They can be purchased in advance only. For more details, see Ms Williams or Mr Lancaster.

This term has seen the launch of the sister publication, ‘Create & Participate’ which is an Arts e-newsletter that is released regularly to keep students better informed of forthcoming trips, visits, projects and ways to get more involved in the Arts. An archive of past editions is available on the VLE and a link to the current edition is to be found on the Student Bulletin released every Monday. Keep reading!
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BOY SOLDIERS

An Original World War I Drama by M. Dalby
Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at 6pm at school
and by special invitation only
Sunday 8th June 2014
at the Imperial War Museum North,
Salford Quays

Tickets: £3.00
(No concessions)
Refreshments Served
“The power is in the detail; the tiny resistance to uniformity and slow-dawning horror of the battlefield.”

Our senior Company Class Dance group, comprising Gifted and Talented Dance students are to perform at The Lowry Theatre on Sunday, 9th of March 2014 as part of the ‘Signatures’ Dance Show. The group have been chosen to represent Rochdale and will feature in a line-up from across the region. The dance they have created looks at the conscription of soldiers for the First World War and the trauma of life in the trenches. Costumes have been kindly made by Ms Buckley.

The dance piece utilises a motif learnt by Ms. Wystawnoha when she attended a training session led by 2Faced Dance Company. We look forward to seeing the final piece performed at the venue, accompanied by an audio visual digital backdrop created by Ms Wystawnoha and Mr Wilcock. The dance will also feature in our Project Tommy Showcase later this year at the Imperial War Museum North. Well done to all!

“A powerful account of brutal conformity in the face of adversity. It is hard not to be moved by the sophisticated dance piece.”
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SEE TV

When Laurie sees something terrible happen, little does she realise the camera is on her and the hunt is on.

Thursday 24th April 2014 7pm
Tickets: £3.50 (In advance only; ring 01706 831246 or via the CEPA Office)

An original new drama
SEE SEE TV

Rehearsals are now well underway for our forthcoming show, ‘See See TV’ which takes place the first week back after the Easter holidays on Thursday, 24th of April at 7pm. The show explores the idea of the surveillance state and our current obsession with recording every moment of our lives. The drama tells the tale of Laurie who witnesses a terrible crime and finds herself on camera, discovering that she may well become the next target. A gripping tale featuring a cast from across the years, tickets are available from the CEPA Office at breaktimes, lunchtimes or after school.

“A gripping new drama from FPHS!”

Tickets available in advance only!

“Someone is hunting me; I know they are! There are eyes in the darkness staring at me, claws being sharpened.”
“Each sculpture is created with the site in mind. It is informed and shaped by the countryside to give it local relevance.”

Visit to The Dales Countryside Museum and Mobile Phone Sculpture Trail

A visit to The Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes and their new multi-million pound mobile phone sculpture trail is planned in the Summer term. The museum has recently been upgraded and includes a short trail featuring 3D art work by local artists. Each sculpture has a linked QR code, enabling learners with smartphones to download information and images by the artist for each visual work. The visit will feature a tour of the museum and a look around the picturesque village of Hawes in the Trough of Bowland, plus a look at the Chapel Gallery. The visit will also include a look at The Lancaster Pavilion and Butterfly House and a short photography session.

For more details about the visit, please speak to Mr De Courcey. Letters can be obtained from the CEPA Office at breaktimes, lunchtimes or after school.