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Termly Creative, Expressive and Performing Arts Magazine

Discover our plans for next year and how you can get involved!
Welcome

Summer is nearly upon us and it is a good time to take stock of all the events and activities that have taken place within the Creative, Expressive and Performing Arts Faculty over the past few months and to take a sneak peek at what’s to come next year.

It’s very difficult to imagine that we only moved into our new building just over six months ago as it now feels firmly like our home and we have a few shows and exhibitions under our belt. As I write this, I am looking out at the building work being undertaken on our old Dance Studio and it is being rapidly updated to meet our requirements ready for September. We will enjoy a brand new lobby extension, new changing rooms and a refurbished and updated central Dance space. These new resources should see us offer more creative possibilities on the horizon and I know that staff and students alike can’t wait to get into the dance space.

Our first round of auditions have taken place for our first major show in our new building as we look forward to the staging of ‘Hairspray’ in November. Tickets are already on sale and appear to be going rather quickly so we hope you can make it.

As Summer holidays await, don’t forget that you can sign up to take home one of our ‘Arts Takeaway Kits’ or take up one of the challenges in the last four editions of our sister publication, ‘Create & Participate’. I hope you all have a great summer!

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

Year 7 learners enjoyed an ‘African Drumming’ workshop with the N.E.S.T.A.C. Community Group in July.

Year 9 Drama Students have been busy finishing their Arts Award Silver Portfolios.

The Dramatically Healthy Theatre Company and Cardinal Langley Students performed to Year 9 learners in a drama titled ‘The Little Things’ about mental health and well-being.

Year 9 BTEC Music Students have created a CD titled ‘Press Play’ to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Copies of the CD are available directly from school, priced £3.00
An original drama performed at FPHS by students on the 24th of April 2014 in our new theatre space!

On Thursday 24th of April 2014, drama students from years 7 to 10 performed an exciting new contemporary piece titled ‘See See TV’. Based around a young girl called Laurie, the drama explored the idea of the surveillance state and our obsession with recording images. Audiences left the show full of praise and the acting standard was very high indeed.

Some students in Year 11 attended the performance as part of their Arts Award Silver or Gold and reviewed the event shortly afterwards, sharing it with others and talking about the themes and characters within the show in depth. The drama also featured a short question and answer session afterwards.
On the 25th of March, Music students from across all the years performed as part of the ‘Neon’ Music Show.

The evening performance had been promoted through a series of assemblies and featured a variety of musical styles. Students had organised the show themselves as part of their curriculum and made special wristbands and other products.

The evening featured acts from our music peripatetic lessons with support kindly given from Rochdale Music Service.

Highlights of the evening included an entertaining performance from our drumming group and a song from the musical, ‘Wicked’ by Natasha Waddington and Hannah Sastawynuk.

Since our Music showcase, many students have taken their Music Graded exams and we have been delighted with the results:

Jade Dolan (Grade 3 Musical Theatre)
Donnelly Hodkinson (Grade 2 Musical Theatre)
Katia Large (Grade 1 Musical Theatre)
Jessica Lord (Grade 1 Musical Theatre)
Shapla Ahktar (Grade 3 Musical Theatre)
Jodie McGuire (Grade 3 Musical Theatre)
Remu Begum (Grade 6 Musical Theatre)
Emily Baynham (Grade 8 Musical Theatre)
Tabitha Rusden (Grade 6 Musical Theatre)
Lauren Harden (Grade 6 Musical Theatre)
Abbey Smith (Grade 8 Musical Theatre)
Natasha Waddington (Grade 8 Musical Theatre)
Alyse Costello (Grade 8 Musical Theatre)
Hannah Sastawynuk (Grade 8 Musical Theatre)

Well done to all!
‘Distraction’ Dance Show

On Thursday, 22nd of May, BTEC Dance Students and featured guests held the dance show, titled ‘Distraction’ in our new heartscape. The evening featured a wide range of performances and styles from individuals, groups, duos and ex-students and staff.

Some of the highlights of the evening included a special performance by our ex-student, Joshua Toft-Wild, who is currently studying Dance at ‘A’ level and enjoying success as part of the Manchester Dance C.A.T. Scheme. Another highlight was a rather special staff performance from teachers across the school. The evening ended in a great ‘freestyle’ session.

Some of the performers for the show were auditioned as part of the BTEC curriculum and students rehearsed carefully to ensure their practical work was of the highest standard. The evening also featured pieces from both our ‘Company Class’ Senior and Junior Groups. It was also another opportunity to see the special WWI dance piece showcased at The Lowry Theatre.
‘Boy Soldiers’ Drama

On Tuesday, 3rd of June and Sunday, 8th of June, students from Years 7 to 10 performed an original new drama written by Mr Dalby. The performance was directed by Mr De Courcey and explored the issues of child soldiers in World War I in the trenches and back home in Britain.

A range of perspectives...

The drama featured a combination of historical real figures and fictional characters and was well received by the audiences. The full unabridged performances took place at FPHS on the Tuesday evening whilst an abridged and adapted version was staged on the Sunday evening at the Imperial War Museum North, Salford Quays as part of our ‘Project Tommy’ Showcase. All performers made us very proud of them!
On Sunday 8th of June 2014, approximately 700 children and families from across Rochdale attended the ‘Project Tommy’ Showcase at the Imperial War Museum, Salford Quays from 6pm until 8pm. The evening was the culmination of work and research for over a year based around World War I and focussing on the study of the novels ‘Private Peaceful’ and ‘War Horse’ by Michael Morpurgo.

Over seven schools displayed exhibitions of work and held performances in the central space at the museum. The event also featured showcases by the watercolour artist, Chris Tipping and the the author, Chris Cherry.

On display were large 3D artworks and projections of learner work as well as extended writing completed through the year. The evening featured songs and choirs from a variety of schools as well as dance and drama. Outside the building, the 12 Degree’s North Dance Company performed a specially commissioned piece and there were several performances by primary schools.

Learners and families were also able to view the exhibitions within the museum and see the new special ‘Streets To Trenches’ exhibition. Since the showcase, Ms Wystawnoha has been along to the Imperial War Museum to speak to other teaching staff about how the space may be used creatively and how to work imaginatively using the Imperial War Museum Loan Boxes. We look forward to a new project next year.
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C.A.L.L. Showcase

Building on the success of last year’s ‘New Ghosts’ Creative and Literacy Learning Showcase, this year saw students exhibiting work based around language and living in the future. The exhibition was housed in the main heart space after school one night early in July.

The event featured 3D sculptures, visual art work, Ipad poetry, banners, project books and art photography as well as learner video blogs and incredible inventions. The project offered learners ways to hypothesise about the future in creative ways.

More learner work is available to view online on our school website. Many thanks to the staff and families who came along to the event.
On Tuesday 8th of July, over 70 families, students and staff came along to our ‘Tex Mex Arts Quiz Night’ where they were able to compete for great prizes through the completion of fun family orientated activities. The evening featured four gruelling rounds, testing general knowledge, artistic flair, celebrity knowledge and model making ability. The event was carried along by musical performances by a range of students and staff and the evening closed with a performance by our very own Mariachi band which invited the audience to play instruments and sing along.

The quiz night featured mexican inspired food from our kitchen staff and there were some superb raffle prizes up for grabs too. Thanks to all who attended a special evening.
On Saturday 21st of June, Year 7 and 8 students took a trip to the Yorkshire Dales to visit the Dales Countryside Museum where they were able to take a walk around the new Sculpture Trail. The trail allowed learners to use smartphone technology to bring the sculptures to life. The museum also provided a brief insight into rural life and history.

In the afternoon students travelled to Lancaster where they enjoyed lunch in the park and got to look around the Ashton Memorial Monument. The group were able to see the new contemporary art exhibition within the monument.

The group were able to see the butterflies and exotic animals in the Pavilion before they travelled home.
Falinge Park High School Presents

**Hairspray**

**The Broadway Musical**

Book by
Mark O’Donnell
Thomas Meehan

Music by
Marc Shaiman

Lyrics by
Scott Wittman
Marc Shaiman

Tickets: £4.00
(No Concessions)
Available in advance only directly from school

November 20th – 21st 2014 at 7:00pm

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with JOSEF WEINBERGER LIMITED on behalf of MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL of New York

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by JOHN WATERS
The BIG ARTS Week

A Week of Art, Dance, Drama and Music for Students, Families and Friends

6th July to 10th July 2015
This year sees the C.A.L.L. Summer School take on a distinctly Roman feel as we prepare for a Roman Invasion. The week long Summer School will offer up to 40 Year 6 learners the chance to find out more about our school and meet our staff before they start in September. The week is packed full of fun activities and will feature two major visits; one to Hadrian’s Wall to visit the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda, the Roman fort and another to see Chester where learners will have the chance to walk inside the Roman amphitheatre and look at the other ancient historic sites.

Each learner will receive a certificate and a great gift upon completion of the week and there will be lots of creative tasks to keep everyone entertained.

Furthermore, the week is completely free. Places are strictly limited and issued on a ‘first come, first served’ basis after invite letters have been sent out.

We look forward to meeting our new learners and working together in exciting ways.

Learners who are preparing to attend might like to read about how and when the Romans invaded ‘Britannia’ and the series of events that unfolded over several centuries.
STARTING WITH

THE SHIPPING FORECAST...

An evening of Art, Dance, Drama and Music inspired by the Shipping Forecast.

Friday 17th October 2014
6.00pm until 8.00pm
in the FPHS Heartspace.

Ticket includes a fish and chip supper
£6.00 per ticket
(No concessions)

Contact school on 01706 631246 or via email to wilcocks@falingepark.com for tickets

Tickets available in advance only