Find out about our ‘Project Earthworks’ Showcase and the ‘Scar of the Sabretooth’ performances.
Welcome

It’s hard to believe that we are nearly at the year’s end and that the Summer holidays are closing in once again. Students have made a real impression within the Faculty this year with their hard work and level of commitment and there have been some memorable moments.

This edition looks back at some of the major creative and artistic events of the Summer term and peers forward to look at the future projects of the next academic year to whet your appetite.

It would be impossible to discuss the artistic work of this term without some reference to ‘Project Earthworks’ which proved to be a tremendous success in June at the Manchester People’s History Museum. The venue was packed with families and students who wanted to share and celebrate their creative, cross-curricular work with others and it was wonderful to hear the depth of learning dialogue taking place between students, staff and families throughout the day.

Other highlights include the ‘Stellarium’ Dance Project which took place at the Manchester Town Hall, the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry (M.O.S.I.) and The Lowry Theatre, Salford Quays. The project merged the fields of astronomy and cosmology with contemporary dance to produce a truly groundbreaking piece of work. Like so many events, it required a high level of commitment and time from our students and as usual their keenly met such requirements.

Next year will allow us to build on the successes of this year and we have some fantastic and ground breaking opportunities for learners once again. Enjoy your Summer and recharge your batteries in readiness!

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

Early July saw us celebrate Arts Award Week with a special promotional display in the School Library with advice and top tips.

Ms Rogerson’s CALL Group have spent time preparing Roald Dahl’s ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ inspired items in readiness for Rochdale’s ‘Ideas and Literature Festival in October.

Further celebrations of the Arts Award Week included a special ‘Art Therapy’ Breakfast Session which took place before the start of school and which was open to all students.
The Creative Industries Summer School at McCann’s Digital Agency, Manchester

Five students from F.P.H.S. were given the prestigious opportunity to attend a Creative Industries Summer School at the renowned McCann’s Digital Agency in Prestbury, Wilmslow on the 14th and 15th of July 2016. During the two day Summer School, students learnt about how to design a creative brief and then how to respond to it. The group were fortunate enough to spend time talking to designers and creatives across the digital agency in order to gain insight into their job roles and the employment market. The Summer School offered learners the chance to undertake a series of challenges in small groups and to formally present their ideas in front of a professional team and receive specialist feedback. The staff working with our students were tremendously impressed by the quality of creative work and the rate at which work was completed. Well done to all the students involved in the two day experience!

All those involved felt the Summer School was of great value and helped to provide ideas for creative careers after they had finished school.

For details of how to get involved, see Mr De Courcey.
On the 23rd of May 2016, Year 10 BTEC Dance Students organised and led the ‘Back2Back’ Dance Show at Falinge Park High School. The students organised every aspect of the show, from the refreshments to the stage management and the event proved to be very popular with our students. The evening featured a wide range of dance styles and pieces choreographed by staff and students alike. The evening was also the first opportunity to see the great dances inspired by research into prehistory in readiness for ‘Project Earthworks’ in June.

"Well done to everyone. A real energy from all!"  
(Parent)

"A fantastic evening; thank you!"  
(Parent)

Great Performances by our male dancers!

A brilliant opportunity to showcase talent!

23rd of May 2016, 6.00pm until 8.00pm
Falinge Park High School and Performing Arts College
is proud to present...

**Snow White and the Ice Queen**

- Adults: £3.50
- Concessions: £3.00
- Family Ticket: £10.00
- Refreshments served at the interval

**Thursday 1st December 2016 and Friday 2nd December 2016 at 7pm**

Tickets available only in advance from school or by contacting 01706 631246
A Family Event For All!

Manchester People’s History Museum on Sunday the 19th of July 2016 from 10.00pm until 3.00pm

THE EARTH WORKS PROJECT

Visual Art
Participatory Theatre
Prehistoric Exhibits
Music
Digital Arts
Dance Workshops
Creative Writing
‘Scar of the Sabretooth’ Drama

“I loved it!”
(Audience Member)

‘Dig 1916’ Drama

“Amazing Performances”
(Audience Member)

Seven Schools Involved

‘Dig 2016’ Drama

“Highly Engaging!”
(Audience Member)

Prehistoric Dances
On Sunday the 19th of June 2016, over 650 people joined us at the Manchester People’s History Museum for ‘The Earthworks Project’ which has been an ongoing collaboration between Falinge Park High School and six primary schools within Rochdale. The day showcased the great cross-curricular, collaborative work that had taken place throughout the year and featured a range of participatory activities and workshops to engage all members of the family.

The central ‘Engine Hall’ provided the venue for a range of dance and drama performances whilst there were a series of secondary workshops, performances and exhibits located across three floors of the venue. Families were asked to complete the six activities within the Healey Dell Archaeological Society Excavation Notebook in order to receive a free gift upon leaving the event. Completion of each activity meant that an actor or workshop leader stamped the notebook.

We were delighted with the responses of people young and old and the level of engagement throughout the day. The quality of work on display throughout was stunning and students gave their very best across all years.

Many of the performances, pieces of creative writing and digital artworks were linked and fun was to be had from discovering the relationships between each of the pieces. It was intended that audience members and visitors gained further insight from a closer inspection of all the works on display and the feedback given from the general public clearly went some way to confirm this notion. Many, many thanks to everyone involved and to all those who came along to share the magical experience!
The ‘Remix’ Music Show at F.P.H.S.

F.P.H.S. students from across the years performed at our annual Music show, titled ‘Remix’ this year. The evening took place on the 27th of April and featured performances using a wide range of styles and instrumentation. As usual, the standard was set very high and the audience left highly impressed and entertained. Well done to all involved!

Great solo, duo and ensemble work!

Stunning Performances!

Great entertainment!

Emerging Talent!

High Quality!
Very Well Done!

The ‘Remix’ Music Show featured various musical groups and the Year 9, 10 and 11 Music students.

Everyone got deeply involved!

Thanks to Rochdale Music Service for their support!

Some great well known tunes!

Lovely atmosphere!

A wonderful event for the whole family!

Real focus and enthusiasm

A superb show!

Lots of brilliant highlights!
Friday 8th of July 2016, 3.30pm until 5.00pm

Cultural Capital Showcase and C.A.L.L. ‘Take One Picture’ Exhibition

A special event led by Ms. Masood, Ms Williams, Ms Jaffa-Brown, Mr Facchinello, Miss Thompson, Mr Mvula and the C.A.L.L. Staff with free admission!

“A lovely atmosphere!”

“A chance to share experiences and discuss student work!”

A series of themed quiz activities and a chance to share the fantastic work produced by C.A.L.L. learners.

Great Mediterranean food prepared by Ms. Fitton and the Kitchen Team for everyone to enjoy!

“A friendly learning event!”

A lovely early evening event was shared by all!
The Cultural Capital Showcase and C.A.L.L. ‘Take One Picture’ Exhibition took place on the 8th of July and offered families the chance to see the great work that Year 7 students had completed. The exhibition featured pieces of extended writing, visual art, concrete poems, videoed drama performances and digital artwork. The works were inspired by pieces of contemporary art explored in class.

Whilst families were able to discuss the works with Year 7 learners, Year 9 Arts Award students took the opportunity to review the event as part of their Arts Award Silver Portfolio preparations.

The Cultural Capital Showcase featured a series of videos and Powerpoints and a ‘Test Your Knowledge’ set of fun quizzes designed to review your understanding of Mediterranean cultures. Everyone had a brilliant time!
ONE STARLY NIGHT

An Evening of Art, Music, Dance and Drama inspired by the Night Sky and a chance to use our telescopes (subject to weather conditions).

Friday 21st October 2016, 6.00pm until 8.00pm

Tickets: £5.00 (No Concessions) (including a great Autumn Supper: Vegetarian Option available)
Tickets from the CEPA Office or direct from school.
Visit us at www.falingepark.com
Falinge Park High School students and staff got the opportunity to share the great cross-curricular, collaborative work that they had undertaken through the academic year with staff from other schools, governors, headteachers and the Comino Foundation Trustees. Each school produced a series of academic posters to explain each project and its potential impact.
C.A.L.L. Visit to Liverpool, 12th and 13th of May 2016

A great experience!

Fun learning!

Over 180 Year 7 students got to visit Liverpool in May as part of our Creative and Literacy Learning (C.A.L.L.) curriculum. The day long visit included a tour of the Liverpool World Museum, the Museum of Liverpool and the National Maritime Museum and International Museum of Slavery.

Everyone had a brilliant time and three learners won great prizes for the most detailed completion of their Independent Study Booklets!

A time to talk with friends!

Lots to see and discover!

Reading for Purpose!
‘Picnic At The Stones’ Outdoor Art Workshop

Friday 6th of May 2016

A beautiful evening!

Real historical interest!

Resources to create!

On Friday the 6th of May 2016, a small group of Year 8 students took a visit to Penrith in Cumbria in order to visit the ‘Long Meg and Her Daughter’s’ Stone Circle, Mayburgh Henge and ‘King Arthur’s Round Table’ Henge. The students used observational drawing and other stimulus images to produce a piece of felt art banner work which was subsequently on display at ‘The Earthwork’s Project’ showcase in June.
The ‘Stellarium’ Dance Project

Through the Spring and Summer terms, our FPHS. Company Class has been undertaking groundbreaking work with both world leading scientists and contemporary dancers to produce a piece of dance that explores the notion of solar flares, stellar nurseries and other astronomical features. The project has seen dancers working alongside professional scientists and creatives in order to produce an epic 12 minute dance piece to be showcased as part of Manchester’s European City of Science celebrations.

The work was both challenging and intense and students from across the years garnered a great of attention through the innovative nature of the project. Students performed at The Great Science Share at Manchester Town Hall and the Secondary Great Science Share at the Museum of Science and Industry (M.O.S.I.) as well as a showcase dance event at The Lowry Theatre, Salford Quays. We would like to thank Dr Lynn Bianchi, Dr Helen Mason OBE, Dr Rowan Smith and Prof. Phillippa Browning for their support.

Thanks also goes to the choreographer, Bridget Friske for her great work with our students!
The ‘Stellarium’ dance piece is a movement story in three parts exploring the highly dynamic process of star formation and the behaviours of ‘our star’, the Sun, and our relationship to it here on Earth. The performances took place throughout July and students displayed an impressive commitment throughout an intensive rehearsal process over a series of weekends. The final performances were filmed and each student has since received a digital photobook of the experience. The final performance took place at the ‘UDance Festival’ at The Lowry Theatre, Salford Quays on Sunday 10th of July 2016.
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A LOST VIKING BOY AND A DANGEROUS WITCH ON THE MARSHES OF ANCIENT BRITAIN...

COMING SUMMER 2017