



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

# ON STAGE NEWS

ISSUE 1 – December 2015

Welcome to our first issue of 'On Stage News'; our termly Performing Arts Newsletter. We aim to keep all our students, families & friends up to date with current news, events & success stories happening within our busy department.

## PERIPATETIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We are pleased to announce that we can now offer Individual lessons for Singing, Piano, Keyboard, Drums & Guitar. Lessons are taught during or after the school day dependant on uptake.

### Costing

Individual 20 mins lesson £10.00

Individual 30 mins lesson £15.00

Please contact Mrs Wright for further information.



## PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 26<sup>TH</sup> November 2015 7pm

Congratulations to all our year 10, 11, 12 & 13 students who performed in our Showcase. The talent on display was truly outstanding and we have had so many amazing comments from staff and parents/carers about the standard of performance and the positive attitude of our students. We are especially proud of our Year 10 students who took to the stage for the first time! DVD copies and photo CD's are still available to purchase. Please see Mrs Wright to collect any discs that have been pre ordered.

DVD's £12.00      Photo CD's £3.00

## IMPORTANT DATES 2016

### TGA VALENTINES TALENT SHOW

11<sup>th</sup> February

7-9pm

TGA Theatre

### BEAUTY & THE BEAST

Show Week

Performances

7pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

TGA Theatre

### PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June

7pm

TGA Theatre

## OTHER NEWS!



The Brainy and Beautiful Belle yearns to escape her provincial life...and her brute of a suitor, Gaston. However, Belle gets more adventurous than she wanted when she becomes a captive in the Beast's enchanted castle! Dancing flatware, menacing wolves, and singing furniture fill the stage with thrills in this beloved fairy tale about very different people finding strength in one another and learning how to love.

Come and join us as we travel on our journey to the magical land of Disney. Our cast of talented students in years 9-13 are working so hard in rehearsals and can't wait to add the set, costume, lighting, sound & make-up to bring this stage production to life! Tickets on sale from January 2016!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS!

SPICE stands for 'St John's People In Community Enterprise' it is an umbrella name for all the different things St John's church do in the community of Greenlands and Woodrow.

Our Year 13 BTEC Music students invited some of the Spice team to visit us at TGA to explain their role within the community and to discuss plans for our students to get involved. Dot Bevington joined us, she is the Spice Development worker. Barry Humphrey works with "Two Pennies" which is a group that helps people who find themselves in debt and unable to cope with financial difficulties and Julie Thompson also came to see us, she is great at volunteering and spends a lot of her time as a youth leader with the young people of Greenlands and Woodrow, many of whom she and her team counsel and help to make sense of life.



Since meeting with the Spice team, the BTEC students have set up visits to Woodrow First school to join in their Festive celebrations & welcome Santa on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December followed by a visit to Bredon House sheltered housing coffee morning to sing carols with local residents. Finally, we finish the term joining our local community in the Woodrow centre Carol service at 4.15pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The TGA Year 12 & 13 Performing Arts students will be leading the carol singing, joined by Woodrow brownies/rainbows, Little Angels, St Thomas More and Woodrow First School.

## Skills Action Service (SAS) Dance & Musical Theatre

The Skills, Action Service curriculum is part of our core provision within the Academy. We dedicate two hours every Wednesday afternoon to a variety of courses which are designed to ensure that students develop a skill of their choice and plan to put it into action, using it to serve a local, national or even international community. We have an enthusiastic group of year 9 students who have joined us to develop their skills in Dance and Musical Theatre. They are very excited to be participating in the TGA Christmas Fayre on 16<sup>th</sup> December,



SASSY DANCERS



they will be performing in their 'SASsy Dancers' T Shirts which they designed themselves!  
TGA STUDENT VOICE TESTIMONIALS!

**"The Performing Arts Showcase was scary at first as it was my first time performing but when we did the ensemble I played drums and when I got up and started to play you couldn't see anyone's face because of the lighting so I felt more confident!" KYLE PHILLIPS – YEAR 10**

"I truly love the performing arts department, which is good seeing as I am always there! It is a lovely place to be part of, especially during the school productions because you get to witness people really developing to fit their characters and you get to see people working together to create an amazing production. Through my years at this school I have not only developed my confidence and technique on stage but I have also been lucky enough to be a teaching assistant in some lessons throughout the department, which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I look forward to the rest of the year, which involves a Valentines talent show and a performance of Beauty and the Beast, we hope to see you there!" LUCY TRAVES – YEAR 13

**"The Performing Arts show was nerve-racking. I sang 'I Dreamed a Dream' from Les Miserables. It was fun, I had never realised how easy it actually is to do it, its just getting up there!" JODIE LIVETT – YEAR 10**

"Performing arts this term has helped me to develop my confidence as a performer a lot. Thanks to Mrs Wright, I am now more confident with my singing and performed in front of a crowd for the first time in 4 years. I look forward to challenging myself in the talent show in February where I will be singing a song from Tangled the movie" ASHLEIGH WILLETTS – YEAR 12

**"I was very nervous leading up to my performance in the Performing Arts Showcase but as I started singing it became much easier" AMBER PARKER – YEAR 10**

"BTEC Music has been enjoyable so far but on the other hand quite scary because I have low confidence. Performing in front of people was difficult but from doing it I have gained confidence, it has been a very enjoyable experience" NAOMH HARLEY – YEAR 10

**"As part of the year 11 GCSE Music group, I performed in the showcase, it was a complete success. Playing my own performance piece and a group composition in front of school staff was great. Being a drummer there are downfalls, like packing away the whole drum kit dozens of times!" BILLY REES – YEAR 11**

"The show was full of amazing performances including dance, singing and instruments, solos and ensembles. I was participating in a duet dance with Rosie Kane. It was called Swansong and I really loved being able to show our dance as we had a character to play so this made the whole dance much more exciting; it was also brilliant to dance with my best friend, it was a very memorable moment. I then sang a song as part of my GCSE Music course. It was 'Everybody Hurts' and it meant a lot to me to sing it as it was the first time my parents had heard it. I would like to say how amazing it was to see everyone performing and enjoying the show together and also a massive thank you to Mrs Wright and Mrs Rivett for making the show possible" KAITLYN KEFFORD – YEAR 11

**"Being part of Performing Arts and Music is incredible, it gives you such a positive boost every day. The showcase demonstrated just how phenomenal the department is. Rehearsals are underway for our main school show 'Beauty and the Beast' and I am certain this will exceed our standards thanks to the dedicated and supportive staff we have around us" SOPHIE PRICE – YEAR 13**

"My experience in music this term has been interesting because I have been pushed out of my comfort zone and been challenged. However, I am grateful for it as it has helped build my confidence in myself" MOLLY LOVE – YEAR 10

**"I took part in the Performing Arts showcase alongside many talented students. I performed a clarinet piece called Summer as part of my GCSE coursework. I was accompanied by Lindsay Southall and I feel as though the piano accompaniment was an asset to my performance. In addition among the many musical performances there were emotive dances which added to the spectacle. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience, which allowed many people to showcase their talents" CATRIONA STRONACH – YEAR 11**

FINALE!

We are looking for anyone who is willing/able to contribute to our Newsletter and welcome any news from TGA students regarding success in and out of school in Music, Dance & Drama. We also welcome any help from our TGA families and friends with our events, showcases and productions. Please contact Mrs T Wright on 01527 523088 or email [TWright@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:TWright@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk) if you would like to share any 'News' with us or offer any assistance.

## Best Wishes,, TGA Performing Arts Department

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - WHAT'S ON?

#### January 2016

Monday 3.20-4.20pm – TGA VOICES (All singers welcome)

Tuesday 3.20-5.00pm – PRODUCTION REHEARSAL (See Beauty & the Beast cast schedule)

Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm – TGA MUSIC WORKSHOP (GCSE & BTEC Music students)

Thursday 3.20-5.00pm – PRODUCTION REHEARSAL (See Beauty & the Beast cast schedule)

### EXAM SUCCESS!

We know that many TGA students have passed exams/grading's in Music/Dance/Drama. Please share your news with us so we can celebrate your exam success! Congratulations to our students who passed Trinity College London Rock & Pop examinations last term. TGA is now a registered examination centre for these exams and our visiting examiner thoroughly enjoyed his visit, he was extremely complimentary about the standard of performance and the venue!

### Worcestershire Youth Music

Heidi Nixon (WYM Music Education Leader) has visited us at TGA this term to discuss future plans to develop links with other local music and dance groups and to make arrangements for TGA to provide a Base for a new 'Rock School' venture in our local Worcestershire community. More details will follow in the New Year regarding this exciting new project! We would also like to give our pupils the opportunity to perform together, raising money for local charities. TGA will host a charity concert in 2016 to include many varied acts, we already have interest from string groups, soloists, early music groups and the Rock Band 'The Terrapins'! Dates to follow asap.

## VOCALIZE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Tudor Grange Academy Redditch is now the home of Vocalize. They are a community organisation founded in May 2010 by Tracy Anne Wright (Owner, Principal & Musical Director). They have an enthusiastic team of qualified tutors who strive to provide a structured, professional, exciting experience to all their members, promoting confidence, teamwork and social skills for life. They are one big happy family!

*Mission: To offer Quality, Affordable Performing Arts Tuition to all ages & abilities.*

Vocalize offer weekly skills workshops on a Saturday for ages 2-18 yrs and a Youth Theatre Company on a Monday evening for ages 5-19, staging a fully licenced annual production with professional orchestra, costumes and scenery at The Redditch Palace Theatre. Vocalize Company is open to anyone without a formal audition, they only audition for Principal solo roles at the start of a rehearsal period. Vocalize Performing Arts Academy is a registered Examination Centre for Trinity College London. Students are



VOCALIZE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY PROUDLY PRESENTS

# hairspray

• THE BROADWAY MUSICAL •

**Wednesday 6th April 2016, 7.00pm**  
**Thursday 7th April 2016, 7.00pm**

**Tickets £12.75 Adults / £10.75 Concessions**  
\*Inclusive of booking fee 75p per seat up to a maximum of £3.00

Palace Theatre, Alcester Street, Redditch, B98 8AE



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Book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan      Music by Marc Shaiman      Lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman

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