



End of Year Round Up

Rudolph Walker Interschool Drama Awards



Five students from Year 9 Drama took part in an amazing opportunity to perform at the Shaw Theatre in London as part of the Rudolph Walker Interschool Drama Awards. They were mentored by our very own Miss Pollock as well as professional actress Emily Johnstone. On 9th July they performed their devised piece to an audience in central London including Rudolph Walker himself. They were nominated for best actress, best actor, best production and best script. What an achievement!!



Visit from Rudolph Walker

Rudolph Walker visited the school on 7th July to greet our students competing in the Interschool Awards as well as congratulating our Matilda Cast for their outstanding performance. He gave a captivating talk on his career and answered questions from our students.



Matilda the Musical



Matilda the Musical, the Abbey's best production yet, took place on 4th and 5th July with a 40 strong cast. Congratulations to Annabell Edkins and Corley Walker for spectacular performances of Matilda Wormwood and Ms Trunchbull. The whole cast were outstanding and we are proud of each and every one of them!

A huge thank you to Miss Pollock, Miss Davey, Caitlin Lambert and Jessica Whitsey for their efforts with backstage, set, props and choreography.







Prize Giving Ceremony



Our lovely Year 9 Band *Loge and the Bears* made an appearance at the Year 11 and 13 Prize giving event, entertaining parents and students as they came in.

We look forward to seeing them perform again at CreateFest in Ramsey on 15th July!

Meridian Trust Arts Festival



Year 9 Band *Loge and the Bears* along with the cast of *Matilda* performed at our annual trust arts festival. The performance can be watched here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=5357&v=10OaNTXRdMq&feature=youtu.be>

National Theatre Production of *Shut Up I'm Dreaming*



Some of our pupils had the opportunity to watch a production by the National Theatre back in March. It was an amazing production that covered many themes that so many of our students related to. We hope to welcome the National Theatre back at some point in the future!

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Back in February 10 of our Year 9 and 10 Music students worked alongside composer Bill Vine and artist Jack Wilkin to produce a stunning album of electroacoustic soundscapes. The album was released on Bill's record label and featured in Bandcamp's March 2023's "Best Field Recordings".

More about the project can be read here <https://www.huntspost.co.uk/news/23406465.abbey-college-students-become-artists-release-album/> and the album can be downloaded by scanning the QR code on the album cover.



Artsmark- We have been awarded Gold!



We are so proud to announce that Abbey College's efforts across the arts have been recognised by the Arts Council and we have been awarded the Gold Award. A huge thank you to Miss Davey for her work on leading the OOP ensuring that Abbey College offer our students an engaging and broad co-curricular programme.

Upcoming Events:



On 15th July our two student bands, *Loge and the Bears* and *Easy Target* playing at CreateFest! Please pop along to support, we will be on the stage between 4pm and 5pm.