

# The Derby Inspires

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# FINAL COUNTDOWN: COSTUMES, EXCITEMENT, AND TICKETS!

As the performance dates drew closer, excitement filled the air. The arrival of the costumes added the final touch of magic, bringing each character to life in vivid detail. With just days to go, tickets were selling fast, and the buzz around the school was incredible.

From the eerie charm of Wednesday Addams to the hilarious antics of Uncle Fester, every performer truly embodied their role, making *The Addams Family*

a show to remember. The production would not have been possible without the dedication of the entire Expressive Arts team, backstage crew, and, of course, the wonderful support from our school community.



# A SENSATIONAL OPENING NIGHT!

Wednesday 12th February marked the much-anticipated opening night of *The Addams Family*, and what a night it was! The energy from the audience was infectious as our talented cast brought the spooky and kooky world of the Addamses to life. Every performance was filled with passion, from the incredible vocal performances to the perfectly timed comedic

moments that had the crowd in stitches.

We were absolutely bursting with pride seeing our students shine on stage, showcasing their hard work and dedication. The feedback from the audience was overwhelmingly positive, with glowing reviews from parents, staff, and even local theatre enthusiasts.





# Poetry in Motion: Another Inspiring Session with Cherry

Our students were once again captivated by an inspirational session with Cherry, our poet in residence. The creativity, expression, and enthusiasm in the room were truly remarkable as students continued to develop their poetic voices.

Excitement is building for our upcoming trip to our creative partner, @rxtheatre, where students will have the incredible opportunity to share their work in a professional setting. This partnership is providing a fantastic platform for young writers to grow in confidence and showcase their talent.

A huge thank you to Cherry and @CominoNWCC for their ongoing support. We can't wait to see our students' work come to life!





## An Unforgettable Experience with Loose Article

Students were left in awe after an incredible experience with Loose Articles during their Kick Like A Girl pre-show rehearsal. The opportunity to watch the band up close, gain behind-the-scenes insights, and discuss their creative process was truly inspiring.

Not only did students have full access to the band for an exclusive Q&A session, but they were also given a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to join them on stage! This hands-on experience offered a unique glimpse into the world of live music and performance, sparking enthusiasm and excitement among our budding musicians and performers.



## Year 10 Students Tackle Climate Change at MMU Lecture

Our Year 10 students had an eye-opening experience attending a lecture at Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), where they explored the urgent issues surrounding risk and climate change.

The lecture provided a deep dive into the global effects of climate change, with a particular focus on its impact on Manchester. Students gained valuable insights into the ways in which climate risks are being managed in the city and the role they can play in shaping a sustainable future.

The session sparked thoughtful discussions and helped our students understand the importance of environmental responsibility and the science behind climate action. A huge thank you to MMU for providing such an enriching and informative opportunity



# Taking The Addams Family to the Airwaves!

We had a fantastic time at @RochValleyRadio, promoting our upcoming production of The Addams Family and sharing the incredible work we do within our community.

It was a great opportunity for our students to talk about their experiences, the excitement building around the show, and the dedication behind the scenes.



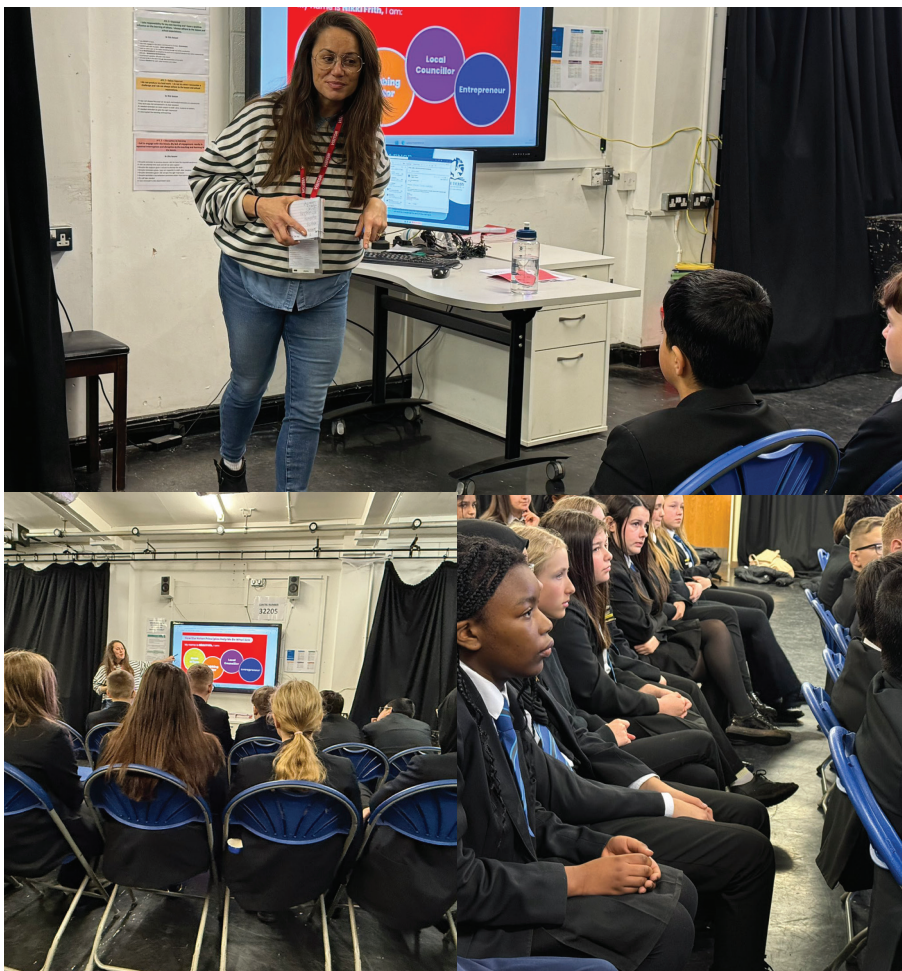


# Celebrating Our CENTURY Changemakers!

What an inspirational day! We are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding achievements in the CENTURY Changemakers Inspire Award. A huge

congratulations to Stephen W, who was named GLOBAL WINNER, and to Francesca, Freya, and Scarlett, who were highly commended for their remarkable contributions.

This recognition highlights the passion, innovation, and dedication of our students in making a positive impact. Their achievements serve as an inspiration to us all, and we couldn't be prouder of their success.



## Year 7 & 8 Students Learn from Inspirational Cllr Nikki Frith

Our Year 7 and 8 Derby Challenge students had an inspiring session today learning about The Nolan Principles with Cllr Nikki Frith. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the key values that guide public life and understand their importance in leadership and decision-making.

We're thrilled to be part of the incredible School Life to Public Life project, which empowers students to think critically about their role in shaping society. Thank you to Cllr Nikki Frith for sharing her insights with us!



On 6th February, our students had the incredible opportunity to attend the South Asian Arts & Culture Aspirations event at The Met Theatre. The day was filled with inspiring talks, creative expression, and a deep appreciation for the richness of South Asian heritage.

A particular highlight was hearing from our tremendously talented alumnus, Basit Khan, whose journey and achievements left us feeling incredibly proud. His words resonated with our students, encouraging them to embrace their aspirations and the power of the arts.



Year 10 students put their problem-solving skills to the test as they refreshed their knowledge of angles in parallel lines before applying it to challenging bearings problems. It was fantastic to see students collaborating, thinking critically, and using a variety of whiteboard methods to tackle complex questions. Their engagement and determination truly showcased their growing mathematical confidence! Well done, Year 10—keep up the great work!







# Year 10 Inspired by Alumnus Zain Sutherland

A huge thank you to @SoCoZaino, @Artsmarkaward, and @CreativeCareer5 for making this fantastic opportunity possible!

Our Year 10 Performing Arts students had the privilege of welcoming back alumnus Zain Sutherland (Abrahams) for an inspiring session about life as a professional actor. Zain shared his journey, offering invaluable insights into the industry, the challenges he has overcome, and the passion that drives his success.

Hearing from a former student who has built a career in the arts was both motivating and eye-opening for our aspiring performers. We are incredibly proud of all that Zain has achieved and grateful for his time in sharing his experiences with the next generation of talent.



## Year 7s Inspired by Maths Enrichment with AMSP

We were delighted to welcome Mike Baxter from #AMSP to school on 7th February for an incredible maths enrichment session. Year 7 students explored the wide range of careers that maths can lead to and the invaluable skills gained through studying the subject.

The highlight of the session was the Dragon Maths Challenge, where students

put their problem-solving abilities to the test in a fun and engaging way. The event sparked curiosity and enthusiasm, showing students just how exciting and relevant maths can be beyond the classroom.

A huge thank you to #AMSP and Mike Baxter for delivering such an inspiring session!



# A Star-Studded Rehearsal for The Addams Family!

**W**hat an unforgettable day in Inspire! Our Addams Family cast had the incredible opportunity to rehearse under the guidance of Martin Lowe—a Tony, Grammy, and Olivier Award-winning musical director.

With an impressive résumé including Mamma Mia! (movie & stage), ABBA Voyage, and Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Martin brought a wealth of expertise and inspiration to our students.

His insights and direction truly elevated today's rehearsal, leaving our cast feeling motivated and excited for opening night!

A huge thank you to Martin for sharing his time and talent with us. The countdown to showtime is on!





Our BTEC Sports Leaders demonstrated fantastic leadership and professionalism as they took on officiating duties at this year's Primary Schools Indoor Athletics Championships.

From managing events to ensuring fair play, our students played a vital role in making the competition a success. Their confidence, teamwork, and commitment were evident throughout the day, and they set a brilliant example for the young athletes taking part.

A huge well done to our Sports Leaders for their hard work and to @Bury-SchoolGames for hosting such a fantastic event!



On February 5th, our Year 8 students enjoyed a rare moment of sunshine during their touch rugby session. After weeks of training in colder conditions, the bright skies brought an extra boost of energy to their drills and matches.

The students have been working hard on their passing, movement, and teamwork, making fantastic progress in the sport. Hopefully, the sunshine makes a return for future sessions!



Over the past two weeks, our Year 8 & 9 netball teams have delivered some superb performances on the court, showcasing their skill, teamwork,



and determination. Their hard work in training is truly paying off, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts!

Next week, it's Year 7's turn, with two nights of matches ahead. We're excited to see them in action—watch this space for updates on their performances!

# Year 7 Girls Train with Bury FC!

On February 4th, our Year 7 girls' footballers had a fantastic opportunity to work with @buryfcofficial in the community. The session kicked off with a lesson on the history of the club, followed by an exciting meet-and-greet with Peeler the club mascot.

The highlight of the day was an invaluable coaching session led by Bury FC's expert coaches, where the girls developed their skills and confidence on the pitch. A huge thank you to Bury FC for this incredible experience!





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