

WE ARE BEDFORD ARTS

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Bedford High School Students Flame Design WINS National Competition



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Upcoming events

Jan-Apr

Thursday 9th January

Splendid Theatre Company in school (Dr Faustus)

Monday 20th January

Year 10 and 11 Art trip to Manchester Museum and The Whitworth Art Gallery

Friday 28th February

Wigan schools Dance Festival

31st January to 1st February

GCSE Music and Dance revision weekend

Wednesday 26th february

Chamelon Dance workshop with year 8

Friday 24th January

Flame competition winners at the Wigan Galleries

Halle orchestra trip

Thursday 6th February

Vocal Showcase evening

1st and 2nd April

Bedford's Got Talent

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WELCOME!



“Welcome to the first ever edition of our Bedford Arts Magazine. In this magazine are all the past, fantastic opportunities and events that our fabulous Arts

faculty have attended and taken part in the Autumn term! Some of our special highlights are: the fantastic school production of Elf, the drama national theatre workshops and many more. We hope that you enjoy reading through this magazine and that it inspires you to take part in our Bedford arts Faculty.”

Alex Stones and Ashton Kenny



“A huge thank you to Ashton, Alex and all students who have contributed to this magazine. If you are interested in being part of our digital marketing team please come and see me in L50.”

Miss Walmsley

Drama



We will be announcing our next show in February!

Blood Brothers Trip

On the 11th September, 70 students went to Liverpool Empire to watch Blood Brothers and to meet some of the characters at the end to answer any questions we would like to ask.

Blood Brothers is about a set of twins who were split at birth and grow up to be really close friends not knowing they are actually twins.

The play is studied by GSCE and English students. I'm in year 8 and got offered a place on the trip and my mum told me it was a really good play, so I decided I would want to go and I thought it was amazing.

I also learn't that most of the actors and there own personalities into there characters to help with acting and it doesn't matter how long you have been practising for, it just matters on how well you practised and how focused you are.

I well and truly recommend you to watch blood Brothers because it's amazing and it touched my heart.

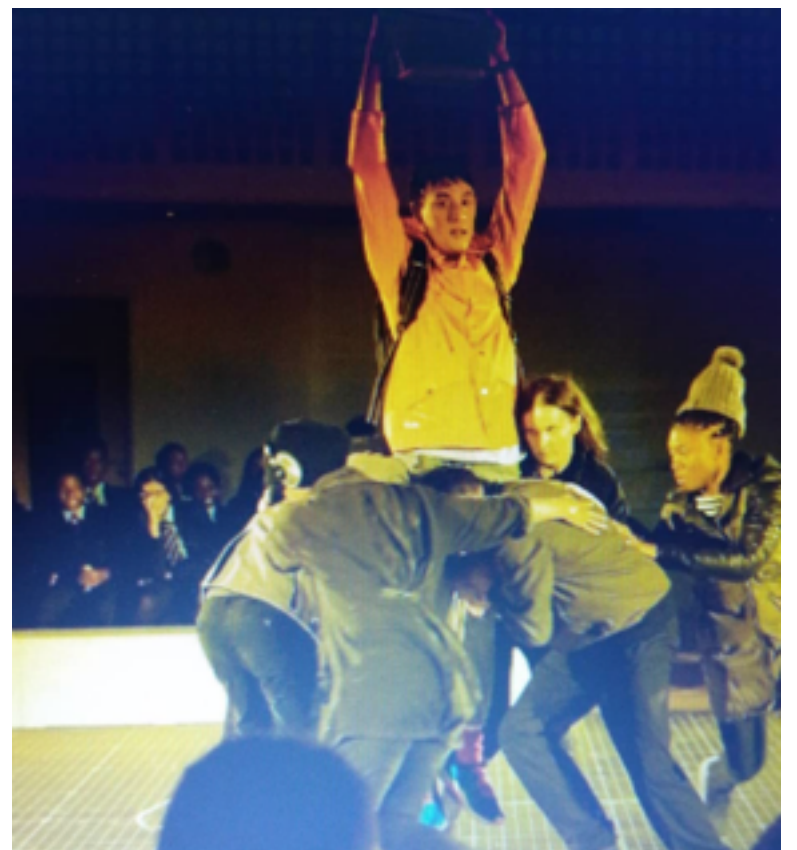
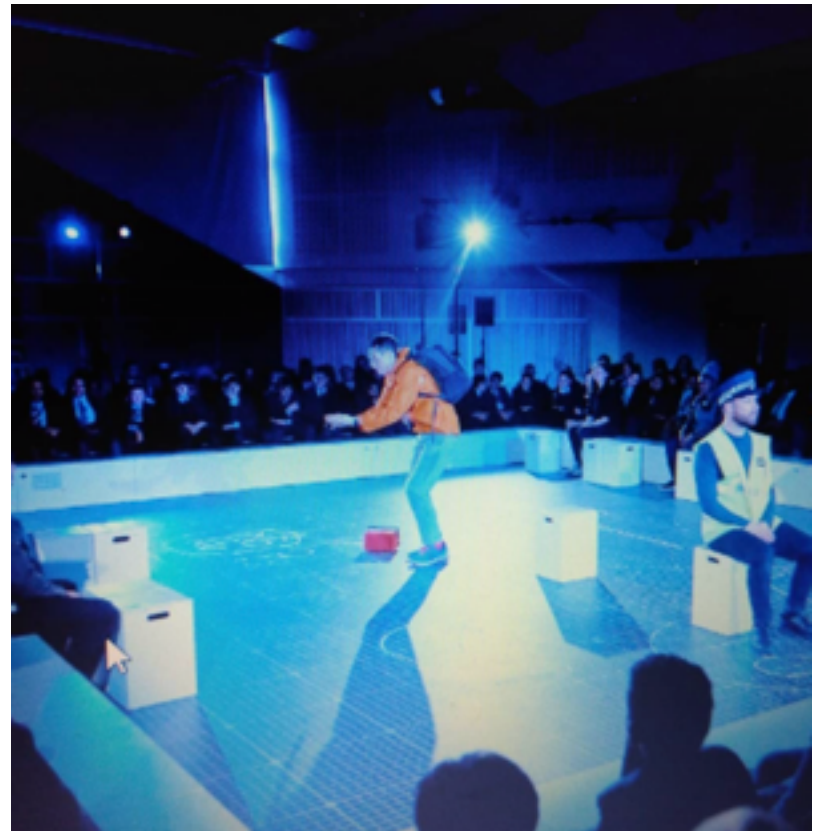
By Casey-Lee Morrison

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Drama National Theatre

Superb day with @nationaltheatre performing #curiousschools today. Our students loved it. Over 400 students watching today (photo credits TheOtherRichard)



Drama

A Taste of Honey

GCSE students watched the National Theatre's acclaimed production of A Taste of Honey at the Lowry in September 2020.



Students were then invited to attend a masterclass 2 days later with the director and 4 of the actors. They met an Oxford professor who discussed the historical and cultural importance of the play and how Shelagh Delaney (the playwright) aged just 19 took the theatre world by storm.

Bedford students had a unique opportunity not only to see a play, which broke down boundaries but also to explore how it came about and the impact it had in changing British theatre for future generations. The masterclass also showed the students how the director worked with the play to take it from page to stage.

The invite came about as we are a National Theatre flagship school and all National Theatre productions that tour at the Lowry are accessible to Bedford students at a subsidised ticket price. We also have access to free workshops and teacher training.

By Alexa Helme McCaffery



Drama



**National
Theatre
Curious**



Incident of the Dog in the Night Time

We were very fortunate to have the National Theatre performing the Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time in school for the second year running.

The production saw a full cast and crew take over the upper school and set up a fully working theatre space for an audience of over 200 students at a time.

Over 400 students were able to watch over the course of the day and we ended with a Q&A session with the actors and Bedford students.

The show was engaging and full of energy. The students were fully immersed in the experience and had an opportunity to see professional theatre first hand in their own space.

To have a globally recognised and renowned theatre company in school was a priceless experience for the whole of year 8 and the GCSE expressive arts students. We count ourselves very fortunate to have been able to share in such an event.

Dance

Student profile:

Chloe Sumner

Where are you know?

I am now attending Pendelton college doing BTEC level 3 extended diploma in performing arts, Dance. I am two year course covering multiple styles of dance.

What are your career goals?

I would like to be a a professional dancer however this is a broad statement. i want to finish college, then go to a dance universities. This helping me further my knowledge and then i would love to dance on cruise ships across the world and maybe do a teaching course for the future.

Chloe Sumner

Interests in Dance

This is a hard one for me, as there is many. Dance is my passion, my life and my future. As i have danced since being 2, it's all i know meaning i am absolutely in love with it! I love learning the different styles and i am always open to new ideas, moves and styles, helping me expand my dance knowledge, i also like being corrected as i know its making me become the best dancer i can be!

What did you like about your Dance Lessons at Bedford?

I mostly liked being given the chance to expand my knowledge on dance, especially as i had never done any theory for dance before and this was new for me, I knew straight away that it would be challenging as dance isn't easy but i got through it with the help of my peers and the teachers at Bedford high.



Dedicated

Athletic

Never give up

Controlled

Emotional



Dance

PRACTISE

like you have never won

PERFORM like you have
never lost



In October Year 10 and 11 GCSE dancers did a workshop with Chantry Dance Company based on Alice in Wonderland that we saw in September. Paul chantry came to our school to teach part of the dance in Alice in Wonderland. This was a great opportunity to get to know Paul and how he created the dance. We did a range of different warm ups and at the end we had an interview. All of the class enjoyed it and would definitely work with Chantry Dance Company again.

Chloe Molyneux (Year 10, GCSE Dance Student)

Art

Year 10 GCSE Art students visit Leigh Spinners Mill



Year 10 GCSE art students went on a trip to Leigh spinners mill to sketch and draw as part of their course work.



Art

Bedford High School pupils' flame design to light up Holocaust ceremony



ARTWORK from Bedford High School pupils will be displayed in London as part of a national commemoration to the Holocaust.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 takes place on Friday, January 24, marking 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. In commemoration, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust ran a project, "75 Memorial Flames".

Schools, organisations and community groups were encouraged to submit designs on a "flame" for the chance to have their artwork on show.

A "flame" entered by the Leigh school's pupils was chosen and will be placed at the UK Commemorative Ceremony for World Holocaust Memorial Day on Monday, January 27.

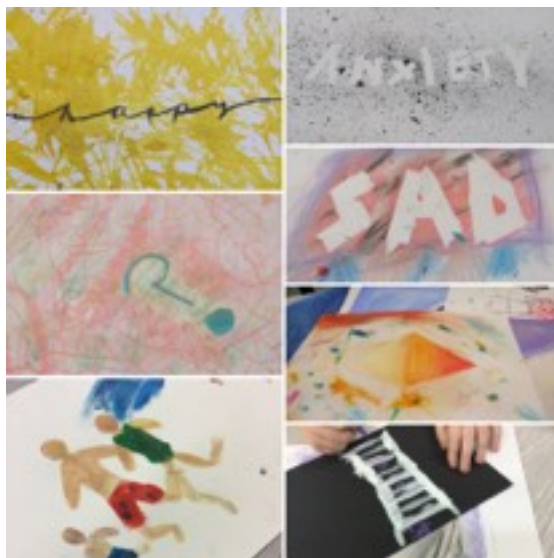
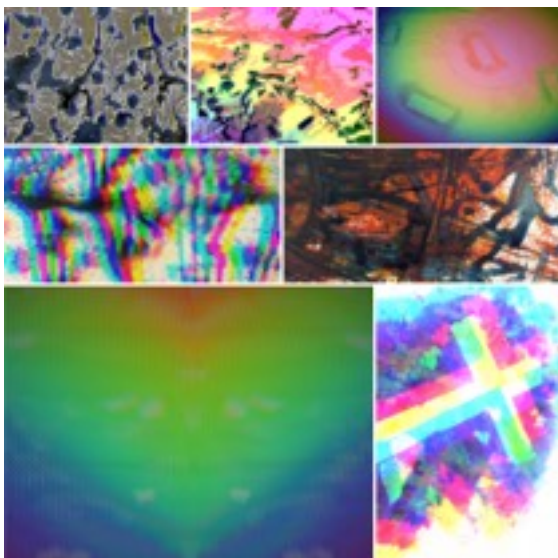
Art

Year 8 Art students raise awareness for International Mental Health Awareness Day



What's going on?

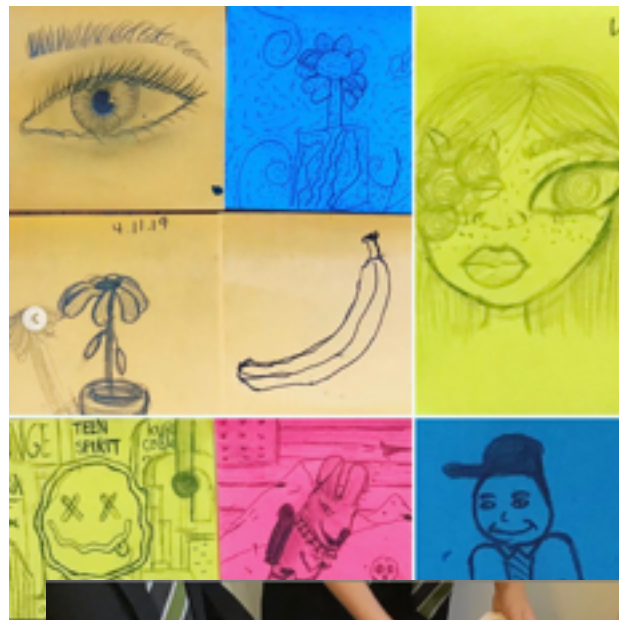
In October we had a year 8 digital art workshop with the artist Sophie Mahon to raise awareness for International Mental Health Day. This took place on the 7th October. Students used a wide range of different materials during this workshop and then used ipads to digitise their work.



Art

Art Club Activities Sep-Dec

This term has been extremely busy in Art club. We have celebrated **DRAWVEMBER** and doodled on a post it note every day for the month of December. Students also had a go at turning their drawings into mono prints. For Open Evening we made a stop motion animation and displayed our Colour exhibition. Students have had a go at graffiti, photography and entered our Christmas card competition.



Music

On Tuesday 29th October, the Bedfords Art Faculty were thrilled to host a full day musical theatre workshop with renowned West End star, Nicky Swift. Nicky took time out of her busy schedule starring in the international tour of Mamma Mia, to spend the day with our students. Students learnt choreography, songs from the show and had their questions answered about life as a professional performer. We were pleased to have Arts students from Lowton High join us for the students session and it was lovely to see all the students collaborating successfully.



On Tuesday 12th November the choir has a Africa workshop by Keith Orrell. We focused on singing in two part harmony's and we sang a range of different musical styles from a German to African songs.

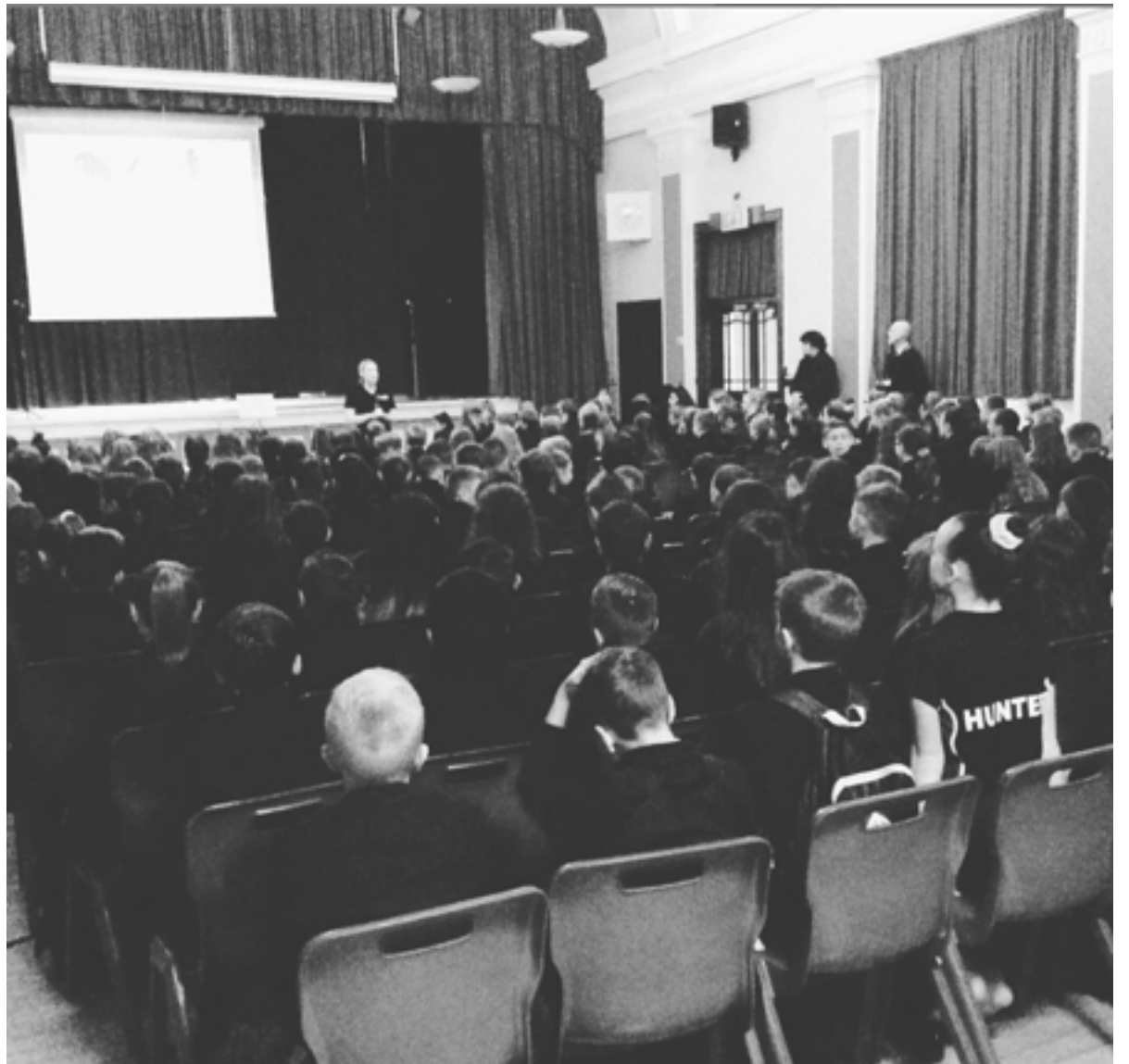
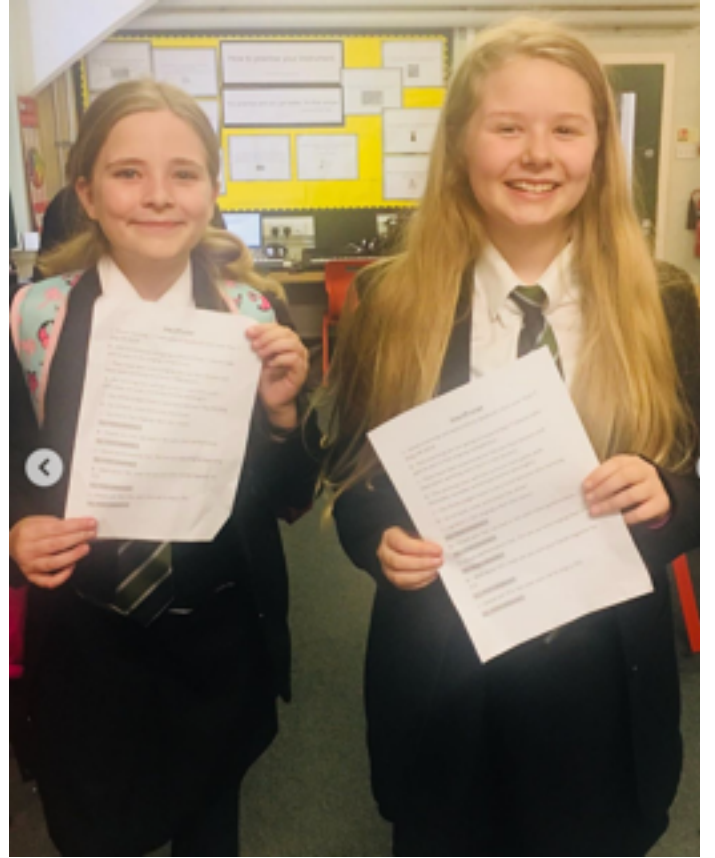
By Tia Jayne Brown



Music

Year 7 Sing off!

All year's 7 took part in a singing competition in October. Bedford's first "Sing Off." Eight classes took to the stage to compete for the title of the best class singers. The competition was difficult but all Year 7's sang very well. The judges eventually chose 7C1 who sang the Queen classic, "Don't Stop Me Now." The winning class had a Karaoke party, chocolate and doughnuts. Well done to all involved.



Music



Bedford High School Live

58 mins •



Video: Bedford High School Christmas ...See More



Christmas 2019 was a very busy time for the Music Department. We performed over 20 shows to over 4000 people.

On Wednesday 11th December we held our Christmas Extravaganza Concert. Over 160 students performed a festive feast of Music, Drama, Dance and we even had an animation. The show was a sell out with over 200 people in the audience. There was lots of laughter and everyone left in a Christmassy mood.

One parent said 'Great time at Bedford High. Their Christmas Extravaganza was just awesome. They had it all, the music, the moves and bags of

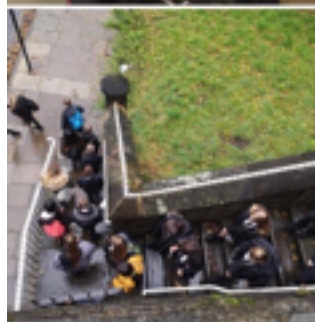
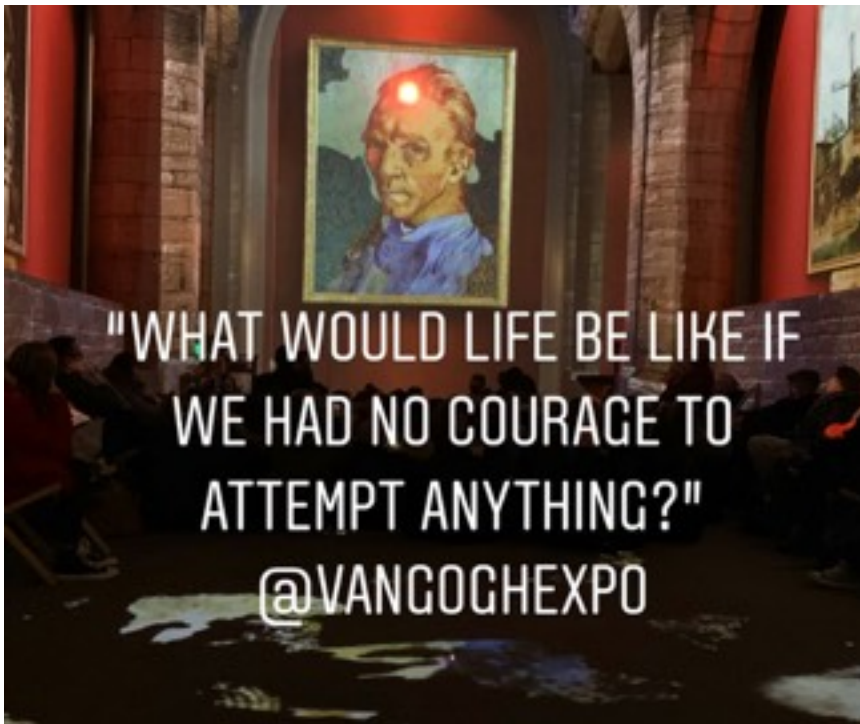
Christmas spirit'.

On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December both Junior and Senior Choir performed at primary schools, nursing homes, retail shops and day centres. Both the Choir and the people watching our show really enjoyed it.

Enrichment Day! Art



On Enrichment Day, we took all Year 7s to York. During the day we visited the National Rail Museum, St Mary's Church and Castle Walls. The Van Gogh Immersion experience displayed the artist's paintings in 360 degree projections on the wall. Each painting was animated and merged into each other to music and displayed quotes from the artist, "What would like be like if we had no courage to attempt anything?"





Elf yourself to a Christmas cracker at Bedford High School

Elf was this years Bedford Christmas Production. Elf is a classic Christmas film, which has recently been developed into a musical.

Elf takes place on the 3rd to the 5th December. Our amazing cast rehearsed 2 to 3 times a week - Tuesday and Thursdays and recently started on Wednesdays. With hard work and dedication from the cast and the Arts Faculty, they have managed to put on an amazing, outstanding show.

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear...”

And that’s exactly what students from Leigh’s Bedford High School will be doing when they raised the curtain on their own spectacular version of Elf the musical.

Based on the smash-hit Christmas movie, Elf tells the story of Buddy, a young boy who crawls into Santa’s sack as he visits an orphanage.

Buddy, played by Will Ferrell in the film, is whisked away to the North Pole, where he is raised by a family of elves.

As Buddy grows and his inability to make toys becomes obvious, he realises his true identity and sets out on a journey to New York to find his real father.

The big-hearted tale of Yuletide cheer sees our hero winning over his grumpy old dad and helping his young stepbrother believe in the magic of Christmas again.



Elf yourself to a Christmas cracker at Bedford High School



More than 80 Bedford students are took part in the show and they were joined by 100 primary school pupils from Leigh St Mary's, St John's CE and St Stephen's CE.

Bedford High School's Expressive Arts team pulled out all the stops to bring great productions to the school stage. Our previous pantos Aladdin and Cinderella were sell-out smash hits.

Student Tamara Lloyd, who played role of Buddy, said: "I am really enjoying playing the role of Buddy. We are all working very hard to bring the best show to Leigh this Christmas."

Student Anne Louise Downham, who played Jovie, the girl Buddy falls for, added: "We have been rehearsing for this show since September, initially for two nights after school and it increased to three in the last month. I love being part of the Bedford Arts family."

We had a matinee performance of the show on Monday 2 December, more than 300 primary school pupils attended.

Director and Bedford High School teacher Sarah Stafford, said: "Our cast worked so hard since September to bring this festive delight to Bedford this year. The production team are extremely proud of their efforts'.

