

Ready for Rock Challenge

It's the final rehearsal today for the 100 strong cast and crew of Durrington High School's Rock Challenge performance. This weekend they head to Portsmouth Guildhall where they will compete against nine other schools in the Southern Premier Division finals with their fantastic piece *Angel of Prisons*. The piece is based on the work of Elizabeth Fry (the woman on the back of the old £5 note) and focuses on Newgate prison, which links nicely to the recent school production of *Oliver*, as this is the prison Fagin was sent to.

Durrington have proudly been a premier division school for the last 5 years having entered the competition each year since 2003. To retain their premier status they will need to finish in the top 7, with a top 3 finish seeing them through to the National finals.

As a premier school the piece was showcased at The Hawth in Crawley back in January but there have been many more rehearsals and a few changes since then. They received really positive comments from those judging the competing schools that day which encouraged them. Along with this encouragement the opportunity to perform in a professional venue has prepared them well for this Saturday.

A supportive team of friends and family will be there to watch the show on Saturday night but all at Durrington wish the fantastic dance troupe lots of luck and we know you are going to wow everyone watching. Most importantly have a fantastic day and enjoy every minute on stage!

Watch this space for news of the event next week