

Students shine in Performing Arts Celebration Evening

Last term on Thursday 18th July the performing arts department put on a wonderful celebration evening showcasing the many and varied talents of students from years 7 to 11. The show included 25 fantastic solo and group dance, vocal and drama performances.

The show was opened by the winners of the Durrington Has Got Talent competition held in June, the vocal harmony group A Cappella, whose sang their amazing and moving version of *Colour my World*. This got the show off to a wonderful start and the talents of our students continued to shine through the first half with a variety of impressive performances, including a KS3 retelling of *Cinderella* and Durrington Has Got Talent runners up, folk pop group Code Red. The final act of the first half was the school choir singing an original composition by outgoing head girl, Love Onwuzuruike, 'The Sound of Music.'

After a short interval in which the audience reflected on the huge amount of talent on show the second half commenced with A Capella taking to the stage once again to sing a wonderful medley of Disney songs. They were followed by further solo and group performances which included Mia Faris on piano and a retelling of *Jack and the Beanstalk* by a KS3 drama group. The second half also included a performance by 7ATH of their school song which had been written by the class guided by Mr Dean. The song lyrics focus on the schools vision to 'go beyond your best' and is as inspiring as it is catchy!

The final performance was an incredible combination of music and dance as the choir sang a medley of The Greatest Showman, accompanied by a dance choreographed and performed by Daisy Isham, Daisy O'Hara & Ruby O'Hara. The uplifting music and final display of our students talents was a fitting end to a truly memorable evening, and the audience left with smiles on their faces (and a few tears in their eyes!).



Emily Isham, Director of Performing Arts said 'it is so exciting to get together at the end of the school year and celebrate the many talents of our students. They have all worked so hard and deserve the opportunity to showcase their hard work and talent to family, friends and staff.'

Many thanks to Mrs Isham, Miss Maughan, Mr Dean and Mr Hall for their time and dedication in ensuring our students go beyond their best by nurturing their talents and allowing them the opportunity to perform.

