

Congratulations Team Addams!



What an incredible Spring Term we have had! The Creative Arts Faculty have most definitely packed this term with a whole menu of opportunities for our students at Holyrood, from Musicals to Mixed Media, Concerts to Careers, and Trips to Theatre! It has certainly been busy. What has been an absolute joy to see is the increasing amount of students who are getting so creatively involved in both their lessons and the extra curricular clubs and trips that we have on offer. We know that school is much more than just examinations, and by 'joining in' so many students are enriching their learning, making memories and most importantly having fun – all of which was clearly evident in our production of 'The Addams Family'. Wow! What a show and one that involved nearly 100 students, on stage and off, from Years 7 – 13.

The word 'family' was very appropriate for this production as it was lovely to see many new friendships formed throughout and a real sense of support, respect and comradery from our young people. We were so proud of the final performance and it really was wonderful to see students of all ages and abilities working together – a real testament to our school vision of promoting social justice and mobility. Congratulations to all involved! And a HUGE THANK YOU to our wonderful Creative Arts Staff who put in so much of their own time to helping make shows like this such a success.

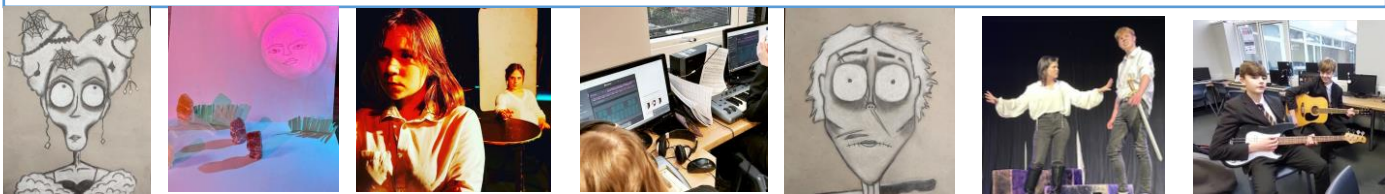
As we head towards May I would also like to personally wish all of our GCSE, A Level and BTEC students taking Creative examinations the very best of luck – remember we are here for you so please do utilise any revision sessions and support that is available. We have absolute faith in you all!

Mrs J Lowe (Head of Creative Arts)



In lessons this term with Art, Music & Drama...

Exploring colour and perspective has led to some impressive watercolour landscapes by Year 7 this term and we could not be prouder of our Tim Burton inspired Year 8 work which became the backdrop to The Adams Family Musical. Mixed Media has been the medium for Year 9 artists as they explore the theme of the microscopic world. KS3 drama students have been developing their skills in creating drama work with Year 7's fantastic slap stick pieces in 'Silent Movies', Year 8's devising from stimulus and Year 9 students learning how to 'hook' an audience through dramatic techniques and conventions. Theatre creation has also followed through into drama lessons with exploring the roles and responsibilities of those working in professional theatre (Year 8) and the screening of live theatre performance with Year 9 watching The National Theatres 'Small Island'. Music has had a 'show' theme this term with Year 7 creating ostinatos from Harry Potter, Year 8 delving into Musical Theatre and Year 9 composing their own film soundtracks using our new mac suite to learn more about music technology – the results have been epic! All of our KS4 & 5 students studying qualifications in the arts are now heavily into exam preparation, but a huge congratulations on the performances, compositions and art work that has been submitted so far as part of the course – Holyrood has talent!



Creative trips and workshops this term...

There has certainly been plenty of opportunities outside of the classroom for creativity this term! Our fabulous Art team has ventured into the city with trips to Exeter RAMM and London's Tate Gallery where students have been exposed to artists and artifacts to inspire their own work at GCSE & A Level. Drama have also explored the capital with Year 11 for our annual trip to watch 'The Woman in Black', a very special occasion as this show now ends its run on the west end after 30 years! Selected Year 8 students had full run of The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil where they had a private backstage tour and a workshop with the acclaimed Somerset Youth Dance Company. We were also proud to visit Restart Primary School this term with our drama enrichment class who performed their own versions of 'The Highway Rat' to KS1 students which was wonderful to see. Our creative work in the community continued this term through working with Richard Tomlinson on a green screen and dance project that was exhibited in March with silhouettes of year 8 students projected on the Guildhall. We also welcomed back the Jackdaw music project for schools and students from Years 7 – 13 have been rehearsing for the Klezmer music project; a series of Jewish pieces for an ensemble on the 28th March.



Our application for Arts Mark...

We are excited to inform you of our application to become an Artsmark certified Academy! The Artsmark award is the only creative quality standard for schools and is designed to embed arts, creativity and culture into all aspects of education. Our journey so far has given us a real insight into the quality of arts provision here at Holyrood and ways in which we can develop these. This includes student engagement, our curriculum, our range of offer, partnerships and our own values and ethos. To be awarded we need you to give us feedback on how our Creative Arts provision has positively impacted your child. Please follow this link to complete this survey:

[Arts Mark: Student/Parent/Carer Feedback - Google Forms](#)

Spring Term Award Winners

Drama Oscar Winners



Emma Thatcher (Year 13)
Leadership in Drama



Lauren Miller (Year 11)
Drama Progress



Sonny Larcombe (Year 7)
Best Newcomer

Art Turner Prize Winners



Elizabeth Smith-Layzell
(Year 13)



Honor Clarke
(Year 7)



Drew Trigger
(Year 10)

Music Grammy Winners



Oliver Smith-Layzell (Year 11)
Achievement at GCSE



Harry Stokes (Year 7)
Effort and dedication



Caitlin Rogers (Year 10)
Superb effort at GCSE

Year 7 Choir 'Rise up' Link below

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Creative Careers!

We are also super proud to announce that this year we have a record number of students who have been accepted into prestigious schools of Art and Drama as well as universities! This term we have been informing students of the many careers available in the Creative Arts industry. From assemblies, university visits and our social media 'career of the week' posts we are here to promote professions in this sector. Look out next term for opportunities to join in with a Q&A with past students who are now working successfully in the arts.

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We are always looking for the next creative opportunity so if you have any comments, feedback or suggestions regarding the arts at Holyrood please do contact Mrs Lowe via Jlowe@holyrood.uat.ac

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