



# Stanchester Academy

12 July 2024

## Lord of the Flies!

On three evenings at the end of June, a talented group of Year 7 & 8 Stanchester students, guided audiences through poignant and thought provoking performances of William Golding's, "Lord of the Flies". The timeless examination of what distinguishes man from beasts, was carefully crafted with artfully placed nods to the symbolism of the novel and powerful performances. The symbiotic relationship between the disciplines of English and Drama was clearly evident; the cast displayed a clear understanding of the nuances of the characters, which in no small part was influenced by the Year 7 focus on characterisation in the English Department, during the study of the novel.

The exploration of democracy verses tyranny, holds chilling parallels for today, and Golding's message is one that hopefully all of our students will take to heart and be our "Piggy's" and "Ralph's", in the years to come. The poignancy of the cast constantly looking to the audience, as if we were the horizon – hope, safety, rescue – was not lost on the audience, further adding to the intensity of the plot and the excellent acting of the students.

The ensemble evoked chaos so intense, it surpassed the savagery of Chip Fridays when the bell sounds. Ralph displayed the stalwart characteristics we love so much, reminding us of the hope we have all felt at the outset of new experiences and how quickly we can find ourselves in a nightmare. Piggy's lively, emotional and earnest performance perfectly encapsulated the importance of being true to ourselves. Jack was wildly entertaining, delivering the stand out performance of the night.

The play held many nods to what it means to be British, with the anthem "Jerusalem" playing throughout, but perhaps nothing was more patriotic than the ending of the play. Order was once again restored through the best of all British conventions, the humble queue. The students lined up and exited the stage, order restored once more and an audience left to ponder the lessons taught to us by our wonderful cast of Stanchester students, led by their unparalleled leader Mr Morgan. Only they can tell you whether he resembles Jack or Ralph ....





## Sweet Sound of Success

Our choir recently entered a Jackdaws online Singing Competition. For this we had to video 2 contrasting songs. The choir sang White Winter hymnal and a song from the new Charlie and the Chocolate Factory film.

At the start of the week it was announced that we had won Silver award for our efforts and we will receive a monetary reward for the music department. Well done to the choir for their fabulous performance and hard work throughout the year.

### Music Lessons

There is the potential of string/brass/vocal lessons at Stanchester (alongside the usual instruments which are offered) from September if there is enough interest. Please contact Mrs Fontanals if this is something you would like to start next term.



ONLY £3!

### SYDC OPEN CLASS

THURS 25TH JULY | 7 - 8:30PM | WESTLANDS ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

**Dates**

17 July - Celebration Evening  
 18 July - Y9 STEM Workshop  
 22 July - Sports Day  
 23 July - 5 August - World Challenge Morocco trip  
 24 - 25 July Curriculum Enrichment Activities

**26 July - 4 September - School Summer Holiday**  
**5 September - Years 7 & 11 only in school**  
**6 September - All years in school**



### College Taster Day

Year 8 had their first college taster session last week at Yeovil College. They had a brilliant time getting to sample sessions of courses they may be considering in their futures, such as media make up, engineering, chemistry and beauty therapy to name just a few. A big thank you to Yeovil College for having us!

**MARK DE-LISSER**  
 RENOWNED CHORAL DIRECTOR, VOCAL COACH AND ARRANGER RETURNS FOR OUR SUMMER COURSE AT WESTLANDS ENTERTAINMENT VENUE, BA20 2DD

**SING TOGETHER!**

WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 10AM-4PM    THURSDAY 25TH JULY 10AM-4PM    FRIDAY 26TH JULY 10AM-7.30PM

EXPERIENCE 3 DAYS OF SINGING AND PERFORMING WITH MARK AS GUEST CONDUCTOR. HIS WORK INCLUDES OUR DEMENTIA CHOIR, THE VOICE & THE MASKED SINGER. CURRENTLY ON TOUR WITH GIRLS ALOUD

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AGES 8-18  
 COST OF COURSE £80 (OUT OF COUNTY £100)  
 50% REDUCTION FOR SIBLINGS & PUPIL PREMIUM

MUSIC TO INCLUDE 'DANCE THE NIGHT' DUA LIPA, 'UNWRITTEN' NATASHA BEDDINGFIELD AND 'CRY' TAKE THAT

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