



Bedford
Modern
School.

Modern Arts

ARTISTIC EVENTS AT BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

2019/20

Booking Information

Tickets for most, **but not all**, events and performances listed in this brochure are available by contacting our Box Office on:

01234 332620

Please check listings for details. You may need to obtain a ticket even for free events - if in doubt please get in touch.

Students involved in productions are entitled to claim two complimentary tickets for the majority of events.

If you have any special requirements such as wheelchair access please let us know when you book your tickets or contact us on **01234 332620**.

Parking is available on site.

Tickets for concerts and plays at Bedford Modern School are subsidised by the School, allowing us to keep prices low. Please do not overbook for events as this can prevent others from claiming tickets. If you do find yourself with spare tickets please notify the Box Office as soon as possible as we may be able to re-sell them.

For more information about the Arts at Bedford Modern School please take a look at our website:

bedmod.co.uk

For the benefit of our patrons and for child protection reasons we no longer allow the taking of photographs or the use of video equipment by audience members at the majority of our events. Official photographs and video recordings may be available.

Welcome

Welcome to the 2019-20 season of artistic events at Bedford Modern School. The months ahead bring a packed programme of music, drama, dance, film and exhibitions featuring students from Years 3 to 13.

This Autumn's exciting programme includes such perennial favourites as the *House Dance* Competition, the traditional *Christmas Concert* and the *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols*. Theatre In Transit, our Year 12 and 13 Theatre Company, present a new production of *Oh! What A Lovely War* this November, while our youngest students will be displaying their acting abilities in the annual *Christmas Production*. The School is once again delighted to be hosting, and performing in, *ACT!* - a Drama Festival featuring schools from across the county and in November, students from Years 9 and 10 perform an abridged version of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Open Mic Night, Dance! and *Speech and Drama Showcases* return at the beginning of 2020 followed by a spectacular staging of *Our Country's Good*. This production, showing over four nights, features a brand new musical score composed and performed entirely by students. The Spring term ends with *Music for Stage and Screen* - a multi-media concert featuring the School Choir and orchestral musicians.

The Summer Term sees students from Years 7 to 10 present their production of the new musical version of *The Wind In The Willows*. Finally, to finish the year, don't miss the *Summer Concert* or the *Art and Design Exhibitions* from our GCSE and A Level students.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.

John Mower (Director of Music)

Paul Stevens (Director of Performance Arts)

Sian Nazir (Head of Art, Design and Information Technology Faculty)

All year round
School Site

ART



An exhibition of A Level and GCSE work can be viewed in school throughout the year.

Thursday 17 October 2019

Howard Hall
7.00pm
All Tickets £3

HOUSE Dance



A House event in which Senior School pupils battle it out to become House Dance champions!

Wednesday 06 November - Friday 08 November 2019

The Place Theatre, Bradgate Road, Bedford
7.30pm
Adults £10 / Concessions £8

THEATRE
IN TRANSIT

Oh! What a Lovely War



Oh! What a Lovely War is a satirical attack on military incompetence during World War I, in particular, the disregard for human life. It also acts as a reminder of just how costly war can be to so many people.

Presented in the form of a seaside entertainment of the period, *Oh! What a Lovely War* expertly blends elements of live dance, song, music and sketches, in an epic production not to be missed!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.theplacebedford.org.uk

Tuesday 12 November 2019

M1 - Music School

4.30pm

Free Admission

Tea Time Concert

An opportunity for both Junior and Senior School students to perform in an informal environment.



Friday 15 November 2019

Howard Hall

7.00pm

All Tickets £5

TWELFTH NIGHT



Viola and her twin brother Sebastian wash up on the shores of Illyria and when she disguises herself as a man, a joyous whirlwind of gender-bending and unrequited love begins.

Students from Years 9 and 10 perform an abridged version of William Shakespeare's sparkling comedy.

Monday 18 November 2019

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Free Admission

ACT!'19

GRIMM TALES



Bedford Modern School hosts Bedford's Schools Drama Festival. Schools from across the county come together to create and perform an evening of devised drama based on the theme of fairy tales.

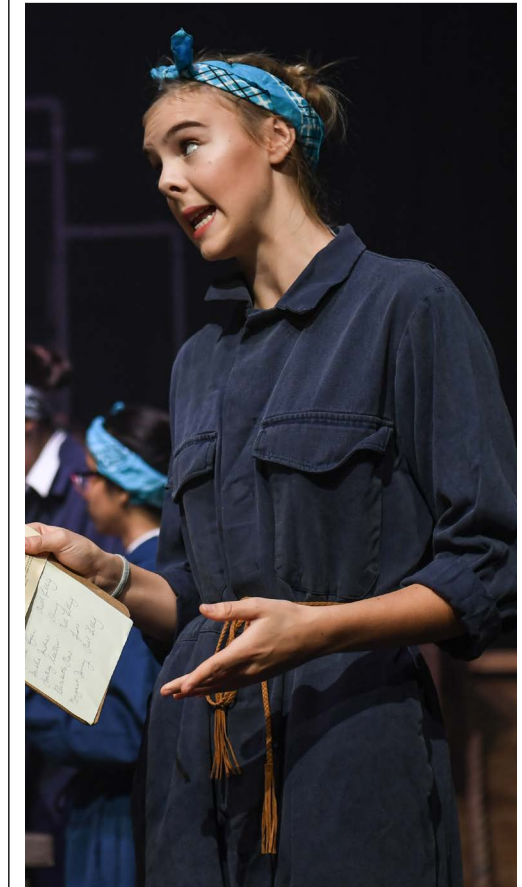
Thursday 28 November 2019

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Free Admission

SPEECH & DRAMA SHOWCASE



An opportunity for our younger Speech and Drama students in the senior school to showcase their work in progress.

Thursday 05 December 2019

4.30pm

Friday 06 December 2019

2.00pm and 7.00pm

Howard Hall

Adults £6 / Concessions £4

JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



Every student in the Junior School will take part in this evening of song, dance and enchanting story telling.

Monday 09 December 2019

St Paul's Church, Bedford

6.30pm

Free Admission

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is set in the beautiful surroundings of St Paul's Church.

The traditional readings are interspersed with performances from the School Choir and carols for everyone.

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Howard Hall

2.30pm / 7.30pm

Adults £6 / Concessions £4

Christmas CONCERT



An opportunity to sing carols and enjoy a selection of Christmas music performed by the School's orchestra, choirs, bands and other ensembles.

Thursday 23 January 2020

Howard Hall

4.30pm

Free Admission

JUNIOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ARTS SHOWCASE

An opportunity for our Speech and Drama and Dance students from Years 3 to 6 to showcase their work in progress.



Wednesday 29 January 2020

Christopher Fry Hall

7.00pm

Free Admission

Junior School Concert



An opportunity to hear ensembles and soloists from the Junior School perform in a formal setting.

**Thursday 30 January -
Friday 31 January 2020**

Howard Hall

7.00pm

All Tickets £5

DANCE!



A two day extravaganza of dance and entertainment, providing an opportunity to see our talented dancers and singers from Years 7 to 13 perform.

Friday 07 February 2020

Howard Hall
7.00pm
Free Admission

OPEN MIC NIGHT



Visit the Howard Hall as it is transformed into Bedford's premiere music venue for one night only!

Student bands and soloists from across the School get the opportunity to make a lot of noise and rock the house.

Tuesday 03 March 2020

The Place Theatre, Bradgate Road, Bedford
7.00pm
All Tickets £3

SPEECH & DRAMA SHOWCASE



An opportunity for our older Speech and Drama students from the senior school to showcase their work in progress.

Students will perform poems, prose, extracts from plays and pieces of musical theatre as they work towards their LAMDA qualifications.

Wednesday 11 March - Saturday 14 March 2020

Howard Hall
7.30pm
Adults £10 / Concessions £8

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD



The true story of the first convict colony in Australia, *Our Country's Good* is fearlessly bold and vibrantly theatrical. A play which cunningly redresses ideas about the morality of crime and punishment.

Captain Phillip believes that it is his Officers' duty to rehabilitate convicts rather than continually punish them for their criminal past. He commissions a young and opportunistic Second Lieutenant, Ralph Clark, to stage a theatre production performed by the inmates. Battling ridicule and the threat of hanging, Ralph and the actors discover the lives they could have led if society had cast them in different roles.

Bedford Modern School presents a new production of Timberlake Wertenbaker's masterpiece featuring a live score, composed and performed entirely by students. *Our Country's Good* contains themes and language that may not be suitable for a young audience.

Friday 20 March 2020
Howard Hall
7.30pm
Adults £6 / Concessions £4

Music-for STAGE AND SCREEN



A concert programme giving our Senior School musicians the experience of performing popular film and stage classics. An evening not to be missed!

Friday 24 April 2020
Rutherford Building
7.00pm
Price TBC

An Evening with...



A vibrant evening of music from the Senior School's wind, brass and percussion ensembles.

Tuesday 28 April 2020
Christopher Fry Hall
7.00pm
Adults £6 / Concessions £4

CHAMBER MUSIC concert



An opportunity for both Junior and Senior School students to perform in an informal environment.

**Tuesday 05 May -
Thursday 07 May 2020**
Howard Hall
7.30pm
Adults £10 / Concessions £8



Join Ratty, Badger, Mole and the impulsive Toad as they embark on a series of riotous adventures spiralling from Toad's insatiable need for speed!

Stunningly brought to life in a spectacular new musical by Oscar-winning screenwriter and creator of *Downton Abbey* Julian Fellowes and Olivier-award winning composer and lyricist George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, *The Wind In The Willows* will delight audiences of all ages!

Monday 08 June 2020
Christopher Fry Hall
4.30pm
Free Admission

Junior School Tea Time Concert

An opportunity for Junior School students to perform in an informal environment.



Wednesday 17 June 2020
Art Department
Free Admission

ART AND DESIGN



Private view of an exhibition of work taken from students' portfolios. Featuring disciplines as varied as photography, printmaking, ceramics, painting and product design. This exhibition displays the best pieces of work produced by students from Years 9 to 13.

**Thursday 18 June -
Friday 19 June 2020**

Christopher Fry Hall / 7.00pm
Adults £6 / Concessions £4

Junior School Production



A smaller scale production to enable the most dedicated performers from Years 5 and 6 to display their talents.

Friday 26 June 2020

Howard Hall
7.00pm
Adults £5 / Concessions £3

Summer Concert

An evening of music performed by various ensembles from the Junior and Senior Schools.



Other Dates

**Wednesday 20 November and
Thursday 21 November 2019**

Howard Hall
Time TBC
Free Admission

IGCSE DRAMA PRACTICALS

IGCSE Drama students perform devised pieces for the final assessed practical exam of their course. These pieces may contain strong language and may be unsuitable for younger audiences.

Tuesday 04 February 2020

Music School
During the school day

MUSIC PRIZES SENIOR SCHOOL YEARS 7-13

A chance for students to compete with their peers to win prizes in performance specific to their year or instrument.

**Saturday 07 March -
Saturday 14 March 2020**

Bedford Corn Exchange /Times Vary
Fee payable on door

BEDFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, SPEECH & DRAMA

Students taking Speech and Drama lessons at BMS get the opportunity to perform their pieces before a panel of adjudicators.

Tuesday 24 March 2020

Howard Hall
Time TBC
Free Admission

YEAR 12 PRACTICALS

AS Level Theatre Studies students perform extracts from scripted plays. These pieces may contain strong language and may be unsuitable for younger audiences.

Monday 27 April 2020

The Place, Bradgate Road, Bedford
Time TBC
Free Admission

YEAR 13 PRACTICALS

A Level Theatre Studies students perform devised and scripted pieces for the final assessed practical exams of their course. These pieces may contain strong language and may be unsuitable for younger audiences.

Wednesday 10 June 2020

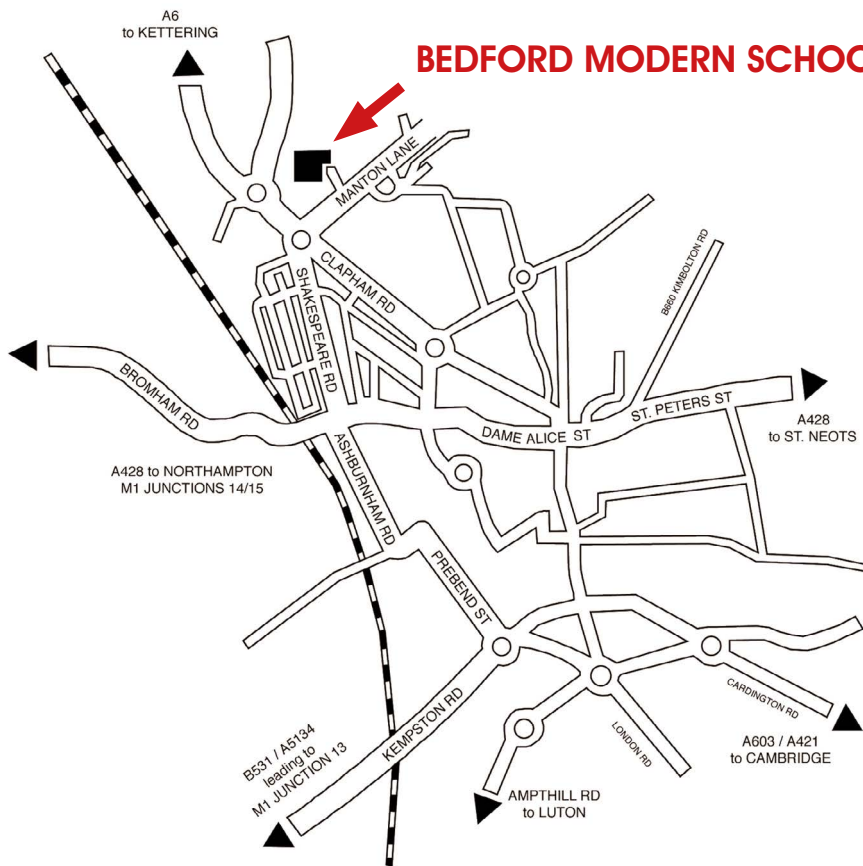
Music School
During the school day

MUSIC PRIZES JUNIOR SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6

Prize entries are welcomed from all students whether they have lessons in or out of school.



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