



Modern Arts

ARTISTIC EVENTS AT BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

2021/22

Booking Information

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

www.ticketsource.co.uk/bedfordmodernschool



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 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 2021-22 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 Music** 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 **The Caucasian Chalk Circle** 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 **It Snows**.

Open Mic Night, Dance! and **Speech and Drama Showcases** return at the beginning of 2022 followed by a spectacular staging of **Made In Dagenham**. This production, showing over four nights, features students from Years 11 to 13 and promises to sell out fast so be sure to book early. The term ends with the **Spring Concert** - a 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 **Beauty And The Beast**. 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.

Mary Perry (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 05 October 2021

Howard Hall
1.00pm
Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

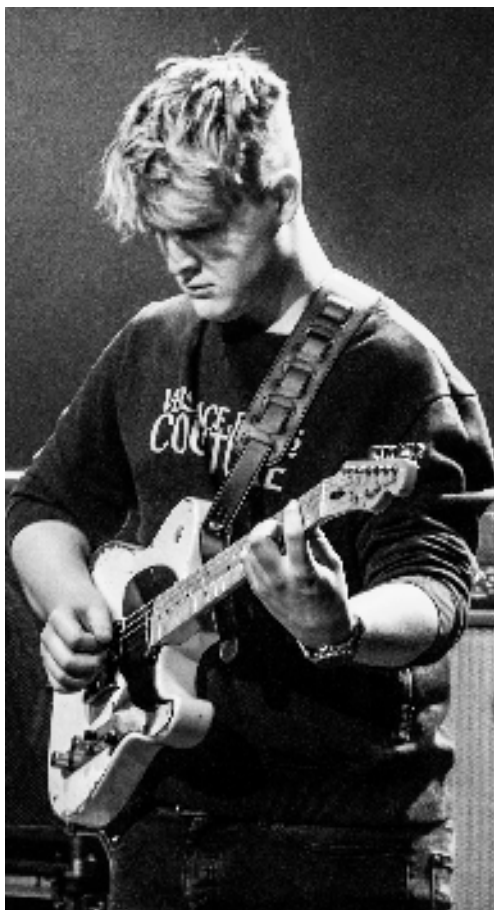


An opportunity for Senior School students to play in an informal environment.

Thursday 14 October 2021

Howard Hall
7.00pm
All Tickets £4

HOUSE Music

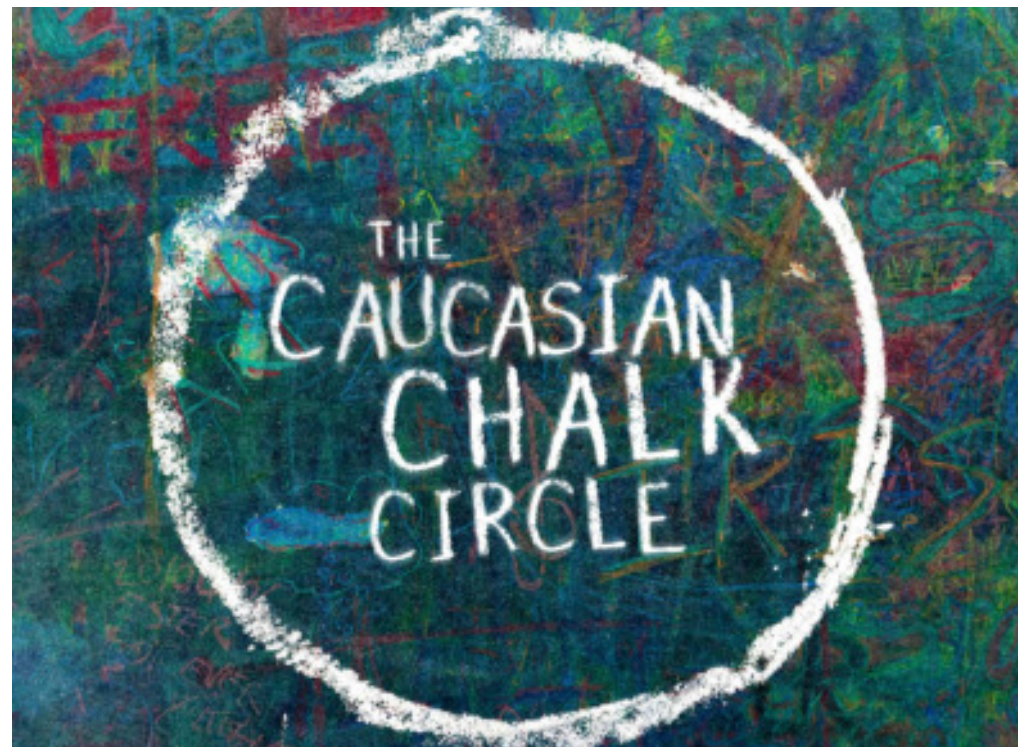


A House event in which Senior School pupils battle it out to become House Music champions!

Wednesday 03 November - Friday 05 November 2021

The Place Theatre, Bradgate Road, Bedford
7.30pm
Adults £11 / Concessions £9

THEATRE
IN TRANSIT



Blood runs through the streets and the Governor's severed head is nailed to the gates of the city. A young servant girl must make a choice: save her own skin or sacrifice everything to rescue an abandoned child...

A time of terror, followed by a time of peace. Order has been restored and the Governor's Wife returns to reclaim the son she left behind. Now the choice is the judge's: who is the real mother of the forgotten child?

Theatre In Transit presents a bold and inventive new production of Brecht's moral masterpiece.

Please note: We believe that this show is suitable for everyone aged over 11, but would like to remind you that Brecht's politically provocative play explores power and conflict. It contains some strong language and sexual references.

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

Friday 12 November 2021

Howard Hall
7.00pm
All Tickets £6

IT SNOWS



Same old story. Boy doesn't meet Girl. Girl doesn't meet Boy. Threatened by terrifying Lads Gang. Threatened by awe-inspiring Girls Gang. Mum and Dad have declared war...against each other. Weird neighbour in the building opposite. Usual ordinary gloominess. Then, one day, it snows. Everything changes.

Students in Years 9 and 10 present a new production of the play by Bryony Lavery, Scott Graham and Steven Hoggett.

Monday 15 November 2021

Howard Hall
7.00pm
Free Admission

ACT!'21



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.

Thursday 23 November 2021

Howard Hall
1.00pm
Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

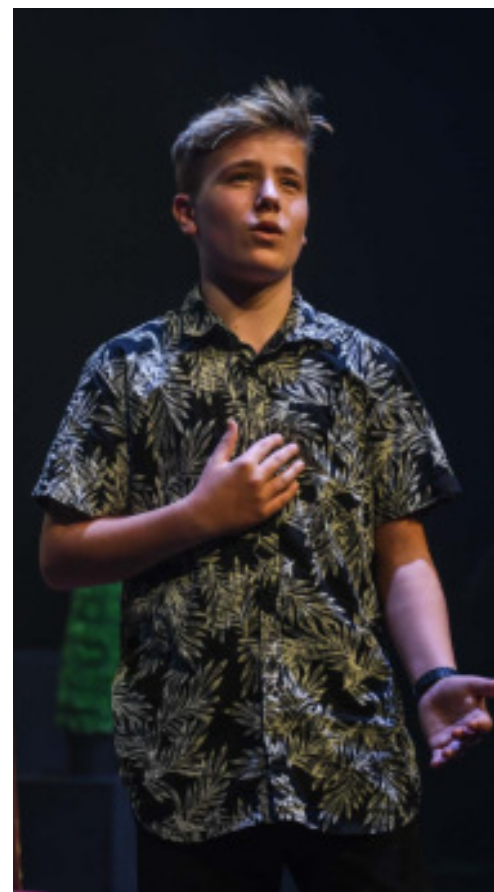


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Thursday 25 November 2021

Howard Hall
7.00pm
Free Admission

SPEECH & DRAMA SHOWCASE

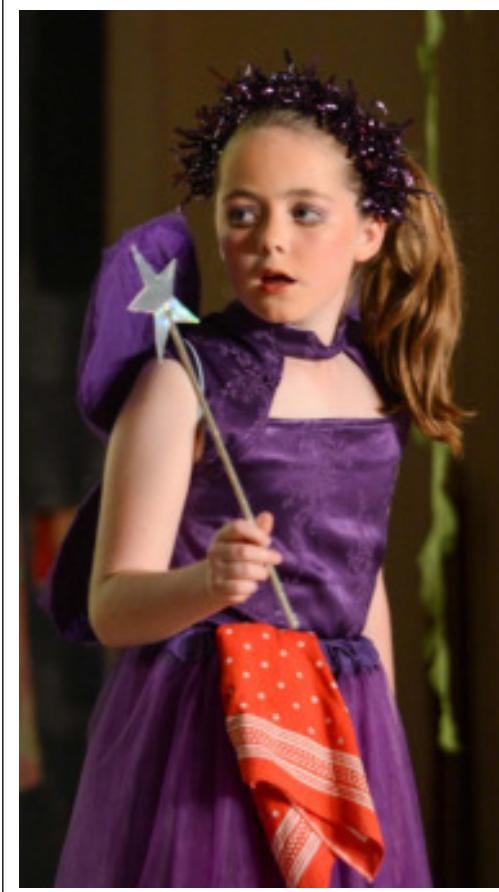


An opportunity for our younger Speech and Drama students in the senior school to showcase their work in progress.

Thursday 02 December 2021

4.30pm
Friday 03 December 2021
2.00pm and 7.00pm
Howard Hall
Adults £7 / Concessions £5

JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



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

Monday 06 December 2021

Howard Hall

2.30pm / 7.30pm

Adults £7 / Concessions £5

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.

Wednesday 08 December 2021

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.

Thursday 20 January 2022

Howard Hall

4.30pm

Free Admission

JUNIOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ARTS THE SNOW QUEEN



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

**Thursday 27 January -
Friday 28 January 2022**
Howard Hall
7.00pm
All Tickets £6

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.

Tuesday 01 February 2022
Howard Hall
1.00pm
Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

An opportunity for Senior School students to play in an informal environment.



Wednesday 02 February 2022
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.

Friday 04 February 2022

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 8 March 2022

Howard Hall

1.00pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



An opportunity for Senior School students to play in an informal environment.

Wednesday 09 March - Saturday 12 March 2022

Howard Hall

7.30pm

Adults £11 / Concessions £9

made in Dagenham

THE MUSICAL



Essex 1968. Like millions of other working women, each morning Rita O'Grady is just trying to get her husband out of bed, get the kids off to school and get to work at the factory on time. But life is about to change forever when it's announced that the girls in the stitching room of Ford's Dagenham car plant will have their pay grade dropped to 'unskilled'. Quickly drawing on a strength she never knew she had, Rita leads her friends in a battle against the might of Ford and the corruption of the Union supposed to protect them. As the girls' inspiring journey gets bigger than anyone could have imagined, the pressure is too much for some, but can Rita keep up the fight and the happy home she's worked so hard for?

Inspired by a true story and based on the hit movie, *Made in Dagenham* is the uplifting new British musical comedy about friendship, love and the importance of fighting for what is right.

Friday 18 March 2022

Rutherford Building

7.00pm

Adults £7 / Concessions £5

An Evening with...



A vibrant evening of music from the Senior School's Big Band and Groove Collective.

Tuesday 26 April 2022

The Place Theatre, Bradgate Road,

Bedford

7.00pm

All Tickets £4

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 27 April 2022

Howard Hall

7.30pm

Adults £7 / Concessions £5

Spring Concert



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

Thursday 05 May 2022

Christopher Fry Hall

7.00pm

Adults £5 / Concessions £3

CHAMBER music concert

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



Tuesday 10 May 2022

Howard Hall

1.00pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



An opportunity for Senior School students to play in an informal environment.

Thursday 12 May - Saturday 14 May 2022

Howard Hall

7.30pm

Adults £11 / Concessions £9

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Step into the enchanted world of Disney's modern classic!

When Maurice becomes lost in the woods, he seeks shelter in an old castle, but is taken captive by a horrible beast. Maurice's daughter, Belle, must then give up her freedom to save his life. Belle's taming of the unfortunate Beast and his ultimate transformation back into a handsome prince has enthralled movie and theatre audiences the world over and now comes to the BMS stage. This tale as old as time is filled with spectacular costumes and fabulous songs.

Tuesday 14 June 2022

Christopher Fry Hall

4.30pm

Free Admission

Junior School Tea Time Concert

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

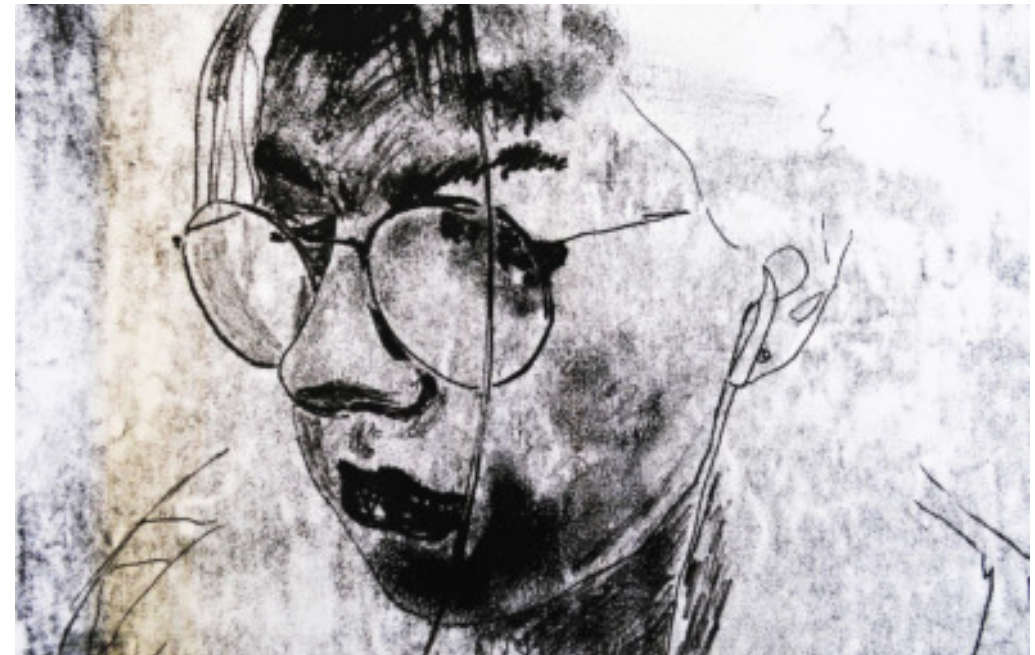


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Art Department

Free Admission

ART AND DESIGN



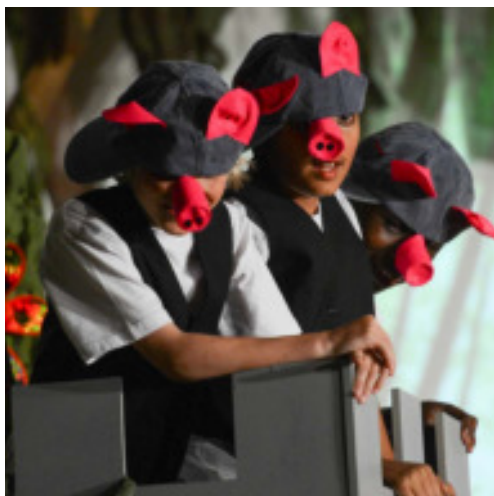
Private view of an exhibition of work taken from students' portfolios. Featuring disciplines as varied as photography, printmaking, ceramics, painting and product design. This exhibition displays the best pieces of work produced by students from Years 9 to 13.

**Thursday 23 June -
Friday 24 June 2022**

Christopher Fry Hall / 7.00pm
Adults £7 / Concessions £5

Junior School Production

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



Tuesday 28 June 2022

Howard Hall
1.00pm
Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

An opportunity for Senior School students to play in an informal environment.



Friday 01 July 2022

Howard Hall
7.00pm
Adults £6 / Concessions £4

Summer Concert

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



Other Dates

**Wednesday 17 November and
Thursday 18 November 2021**

Howard Hall
Time TBC
Free Admission

YEAR 11 IGCSE DRAMA PRACTICALS

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

**Wednesday 09 February and
Thursday 10 February 2022**

Howard Hall
Time TBC
Free Admission

YEAR 10 IGCSE DRAMA PRACTICALS

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

**Saturday 05 March -
Saturday 12 March 2022**

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.

**Monday 14 March to
Friday 18 March 2022**

Music School
Various

MUSIC SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

An opportunity for parents to attend their child's instrumental or vocal lesson and meet their visiting music teachers.

**Monday 21 March &
Wednesday 23 March 2022**

Howard Hall
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.

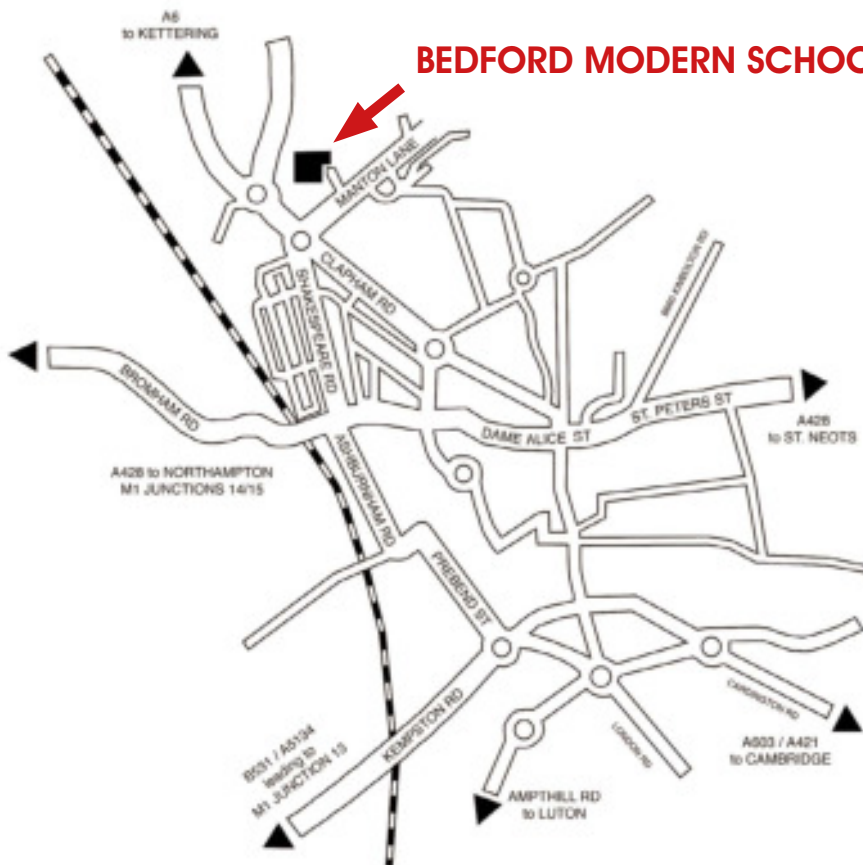
Tuesday 19 May 2022

Howard Hall
Time TBC
Free Admission

YEAR 12 PRACTICALS

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

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