



**Bedford
Modern
School.**

Modern Arts

ARTISTIC EVENTS AT BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

2023/24

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 2023-24 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 **A Midsummer Night's Dream** 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 **The Government Inspector**.

Open Mic Night, Dance! and **Speech and Drama Showcases** return at the beginning of 2024 followed by a production of the modern classic **Urinetown**. 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 Summer term begins with the **Spring Concert** - a concert featuring the School Choir and orchestral musicians. Years 7 to 10 go under the sea in their production of Disney's **The Little Mermaid** - a spectacle not to be missed. Finally, to finish the year, don't miss the **Junior School 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.

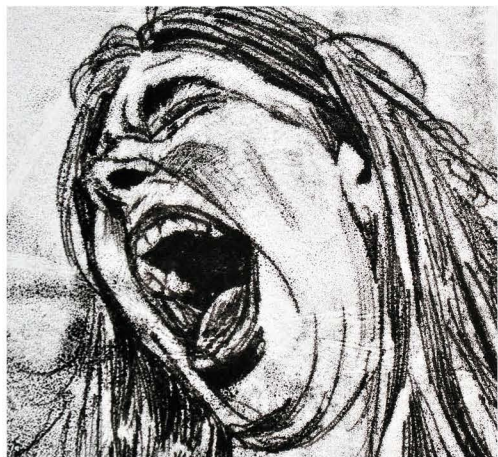
Mary Perry (Director of Music)

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.

Tuesday 03 October 2023

Howard Hall
1.30pm
Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



An opportunity for Senior School students on our Performance Programme to play in an informal environment.

Thursday 19 October 2023

Howard Hall
7.00pm
All Tickets £4

HOUSE Dance



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

Wednesday 08 November - Friday 10 November 2023

The Place Theatre, Bradgate Road, Bedford
7.00pm
Adults £11 / Concessions £9

THEATRE
IN TRANSIT



On Midsummer's eve, four rebellious young lovers, a band of ambitious artisan players, and a feuding Fairy King and Queen all cross paths in a riotously enchanted forest. When the shapeshifting, mischief-making Puck, the Fairy King's servant, is ordered to cast spells on everyone, what could possibly go wrong?

All hell breaks loose as nature, and human nature, are turned upside down and inside out; the forest's new inhabitants are in for a wild and unsettling night of love, jealousy and utter confusion... but once the nightmare is over, will life be a dream again by morning?

Theatre In Transit presents a new production of one of Shakespeare's best loved plays.

Monday 20 November 2023

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Free Admission

ACT!'23

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.



Friday 24 November 2023

Howard Hall

7.00pm

All Tickets £6



When the locals in a small Russian hamlet learn that an undercover government inspector is coming for a surprise visit, an unfortunate case of mistaken identity sends the whole village spiralling into a world of panic and greed.

Witty, smart and wildly satirical, students in Years 9 and 10 present a timely and spirited adaption of Nikolai Gogol's classic play, exposing the corruption of a provincial town with biting hilarity.

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Howard Hall

1.30pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

An opportunity to see Instrumental/vocal performances in an informal environment.



Thursday 30 November 2023

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 07 December 2023

9.30am and 4.30pm

Friday 08 December 2023

2.00pm and 7.00pm

Howard Hall

Adults £7 / Concessions £5

Christmas PRODUCTION



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

Monday 11 December 2023

Howard Hall

2.30pm / 7.00pm

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.

Thursday 14 December 2023

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.

**Monday 29 January -
Friday 02 February 2024**

Howard Hall
1.30pm
Admission Free

MUSIC FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE



A series of lunchtime concerts, each dedicated to a specific instrumental area.

Each day, a visiting musician will provide feedback to the students before taking the stage themselves.

Friday 02 February 2024

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.

**Thursday 08 February -
Friday 09 February 2024**

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.

Thursday 15 February 2024

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.

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Howard Hall

1.30pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

An opportunity to see Instrumental/vocal performances in an informal environment.



Wednesday 13 March - Saturday 16 March 2024

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Adults £11 / Concessions £9



In the not-so-distant future, a terrible water shortage and 20-year drought has led to a government ban on private toilets and a proliferation of paid public toilets, owned and operated by a single megalomaniac company: the Urine Good Company. If the poor don't obey the strict laws prohibiting free urination, they'll be sent to the dreaded and mysterious "Urinetown." After too long under the heel of the malevolent Caldwell B. Cladwell, the poor stage a revolt, led by a brave young hero, fighting tooth and nail for the freedom to pee "wherever you like, whenever you like, for as long as you like, and with whomever you like."

A brilliant satire modeled off the plays of Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht, *Urinetown* is a wickedly funny, fast-paced, and surprisingly intelligent comedic romp.

Friday 22 March 2024

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 30 April 2024

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.

Thursday 02 May 2024

Howard Hall

7.00pm

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!

Tuesday 07 May 2024

Howard Hall

1.30pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT



Thursday 09 May 2024

Christopher Fry Hall

7.00pm

Free Admission

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT



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

**Wednesday 05 June and
Thursday 06 June 2024**

Christopher Fry Hall / 7.00pm

Adults £7 / Concessions £5

Junior School Production

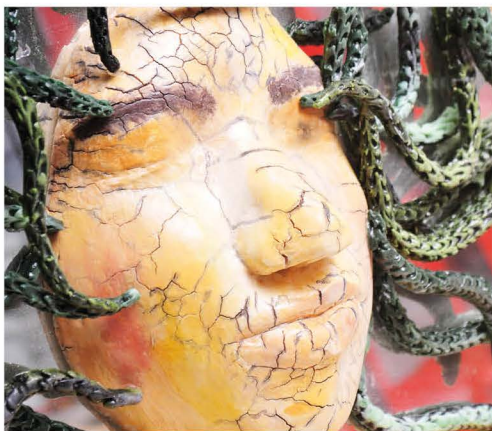
A smaller scale production to enable the most dedicated performers from Years 5 and 6 to display their talents.

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Art Department

Free Admission

ART AND DESIGN



Private view of an exhibition of work taken from students' portfolios.



Tuesday 25 June 2024

Howard Hall

1.30pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

An opportunity to see Instrumental/vocal performances in an informal environment.

Thursday 27 June - Saturday 29 July 2024

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Adults £11 / Concessions £9



In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World."

Monday 08 July 2024

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Free Admission

JUNIOR SCHOOL Summer Concert

An evening of music performed by various ensembles from the Junior School.



Wednesday 10 July 2024

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Invitation Only

Artistic Achievement Awards



An evening celebrating students' achievements in the Arts. Prizes are interspersed with performances from productions, concerts and practical examinations that have taken place since September.

Other Dates

Wednesday 04 October 2023

School Site

Sixth Form Information Evening

View the impressive facilities and discover the wealth of opportunities on offer in our Sixth Form. Hear from the Director of Sixth Form and key teaching staff, and have the chance to discuss A Level options with current students.

To book please visit -

www.bedmod.co.uk/admissions

Tuesday 17 October and

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Howard Hall

YEAR 11 iGCSE DRAMA PRACTICALS

Saturday 11 November 2023

School Site

Morning Session - 10am to 12pm

Afternoon Session - 1pm to 3pm

Open Day

Our Open Day is a fantastic way to get a feel for what BMS has to offer. Listen to talks from both the Headmaster and the Head of the Junior School, join our students on a tour around the School and have your questions answered by members of staff.

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Saturday 02 March -

Saturday 08 March 2024

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 18 March -

Friday 22 March 2024

Howard Hall

MUSIC SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

Wednesday 20 March and

Thursday 21 March 2024

Howard Hall

YEAR 10 iGCSE DRAMA PRACTICALS

Tuesday 26 March 2024

Howard Hall

YEAR 13 PRACTICALS

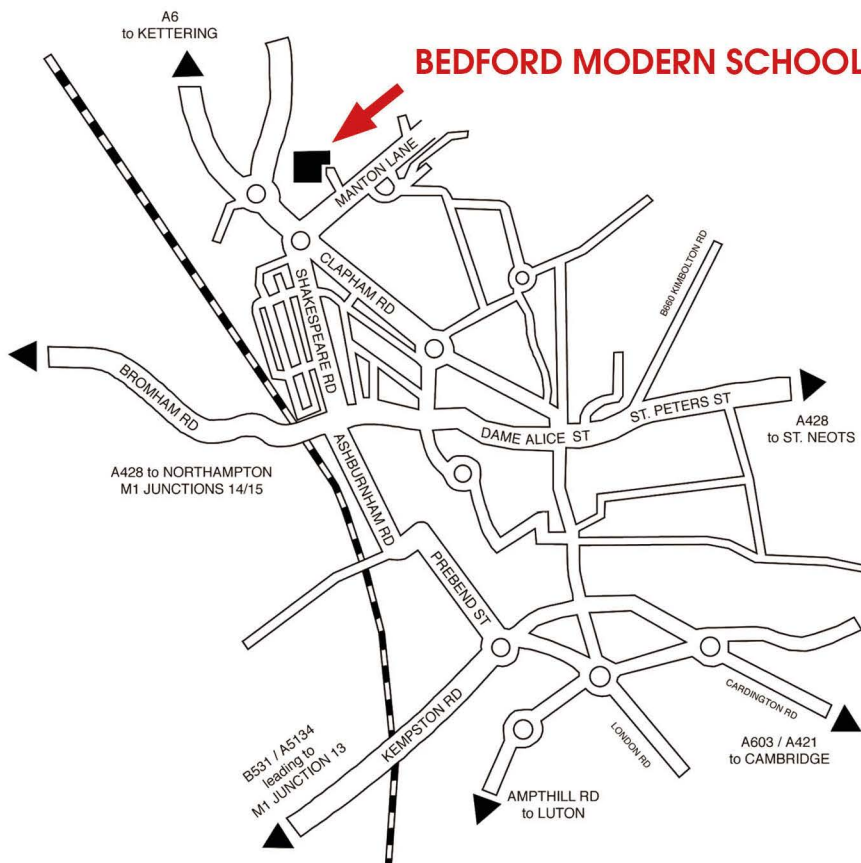
Monday 13 May 2024

The Place, Bradgate Road

YEAR 12 PRACTICALS



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