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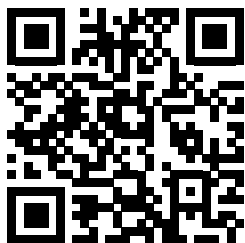
ARTISTIC EVENTS AT BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

2024/25

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 2024-25 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 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 Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** this November. The School is once again delighted to be hosting, and performing in, **ACT!** - a Drama Festival featuring schools from across the county and in December, students from Years 9 and 10 perform **Macbeth**.

Our youngest students will be displaying their acting abilities in January in the **Junior School Pantomime**. **House Music, Open Mic Night, Speech and Drama Showcases** return at the beginning of 2025 followed by a production of **Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**. 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 **Dance!** and the **Spring Concert** - a concert featuring the School Choir and orchestral musicians. The custard pies will be flying in May in the Years 7 to 10 production of **Bugsy Malone** - 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.

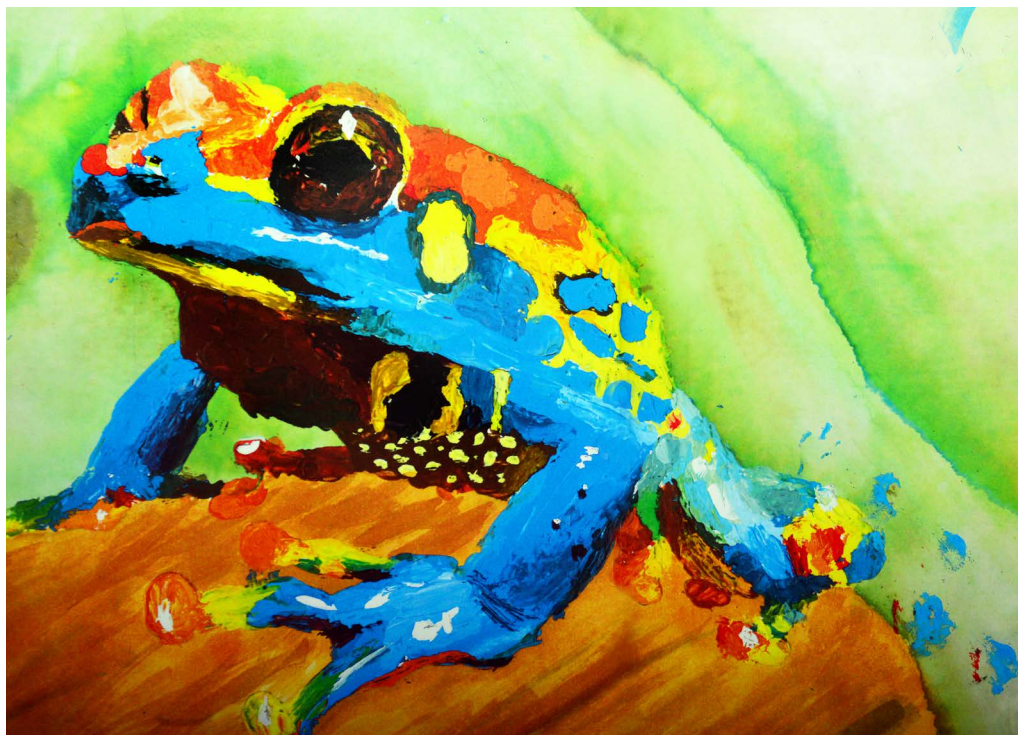
Mary Perry (Director of Music)

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 08 October 2024

TBC
1.30pm

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

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

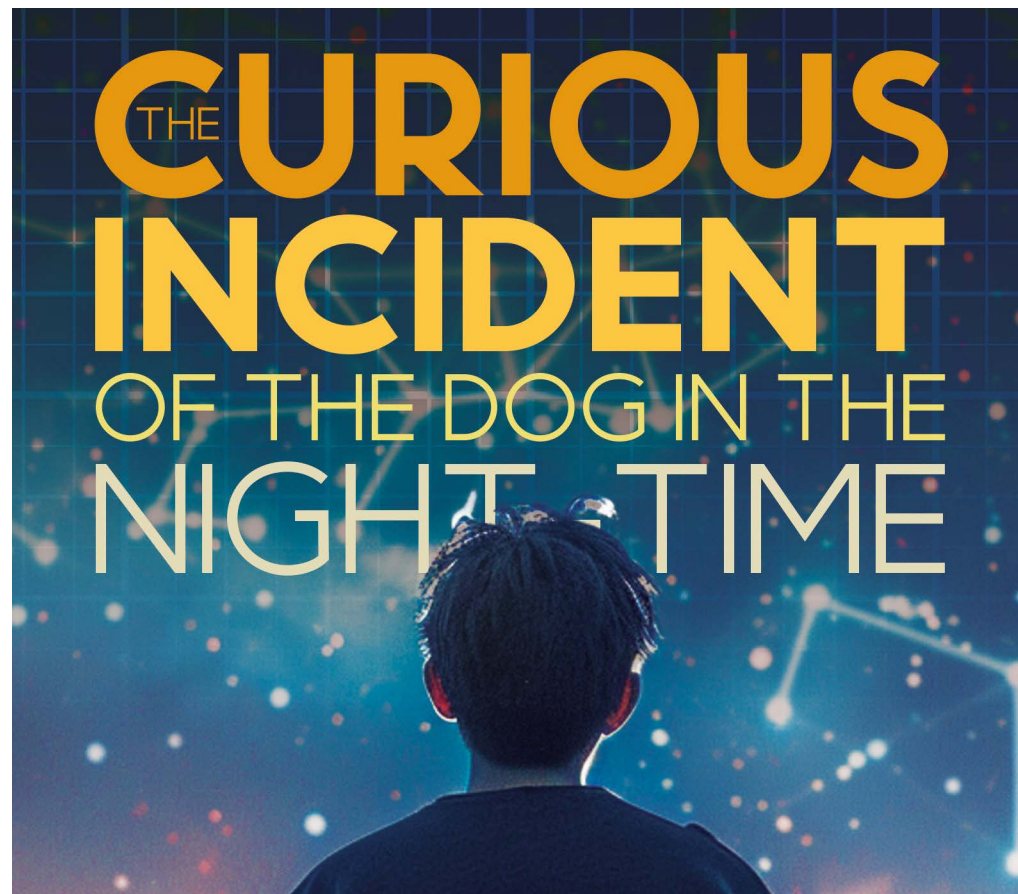
Wednesday 06 November - Friday 08 November 2024

The Place Theatre, Bradgate Road, Bedford

7.00pm

Adults £12 / Concessions £9

THEATRE
IN TRANSIT



Christopher, 15 years old, stands beside Mrs Shears' dead dog. It has been speared with a garden fork, it is seven minutes after midnight, and Christopher is under suspicion. He records each fact in the book he is writing to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington. He has an extraordinary brain and is exceptional at maths, but he is ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched, and he distrusts strangers. But Christopher's detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a frightening journey that turns his world upside-down.

Simon Stephens' adaptation of Mark Haddon's bestselling, award-winning novel *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* offers a richly theatrical exploration of this touching and bleakly humorous tale.

**Monday 25 November -
Thursday 28 November 2024**

TBC
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.

Monday 02 December 2024

The Place, Bradgate Road
7.00pm
Free Admission

ACT!'24



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.

**Tuesday 03 and Wednesday 04
December 2024**

The Place, Bradgate Road
7.00pm
All Tickets £6



A warlord unrivalled on the battlefield, Macbeth is rewarded with rank and favour by a grateful king.

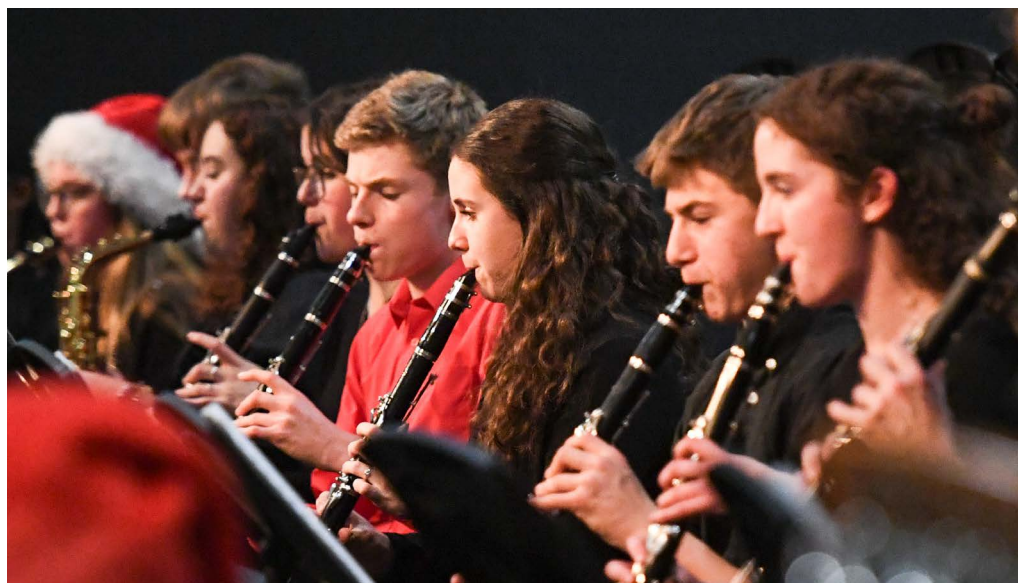
But with each enemy butchered in his master's defence, Macbeth's own desire for the crown grows until, driven to distraction by greed, he ferociously seizes the throne. But, violence breeds violence, and a reign born in blood quickly spirals out of control as Macbeth's actions return to destroy him.

Students in Years 9 and 10 perform a new abridged version of William Shakespeare's greatest tragedy.

Monday 09 December 2024

King's House, Ampthill Road
2.30pm / 7.00pm

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 12 December 2024

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 30 January 2025

9.30am and 4.30pm

Friday 31 January 2025

2.00pm and 7.00pm

Howard Hall

JUNIOR SCHOOL PANTOMIME



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

Thursday 23 January 2025

Howard Hall

7.00pm

HOUSE MUSIC



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

Friday 31 January 2025

Howard Hall

7.00pm

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 11 February 2025

Howard Hall

1.30pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

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



Thursday 13 February 2025

Christopher Fry Hall

7.00pm

Junior School Concert



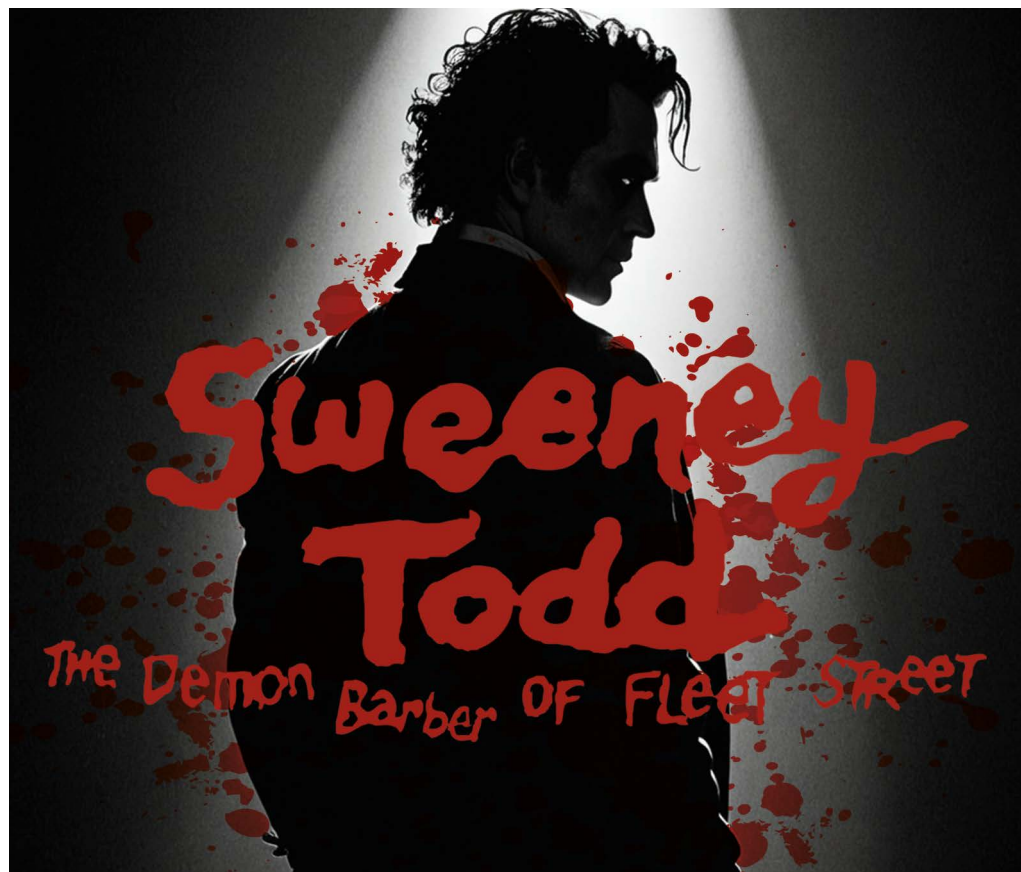
An opportunity to hear ensembles and soloists from the Junior School perform in a formal setting.

Wednesday 12 March - Saturday 15 March 2025

Howard Hall

7.00pm

Adults £12 / Concessions £9



Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's landmark musical tells the tale of a resourceful pie shop owner and a vengeful barber out for blood.

An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to nineteenth century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which, he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up... and the carnage has only just begun!

THIS PRODUCTION CONTAINS SCENES AND LANGUAGE THAT MAY BE UNSUITABLE FOR YOUNGER AUDIENCES

Tuesday 11 March 2025

Howard Hall

1.30pm

Admission Free

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

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

Friday 21 March 2025

Rutherford Building

7.00pm

An Evening with...



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

TBC

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.

Tuesday 29 April

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 01 May 2025

Howard Hall

7.00pm

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 08 May 2025

Christopher Fry Hall
7.00pm

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT



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

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Howard Hall
1.30pm

Admission Free

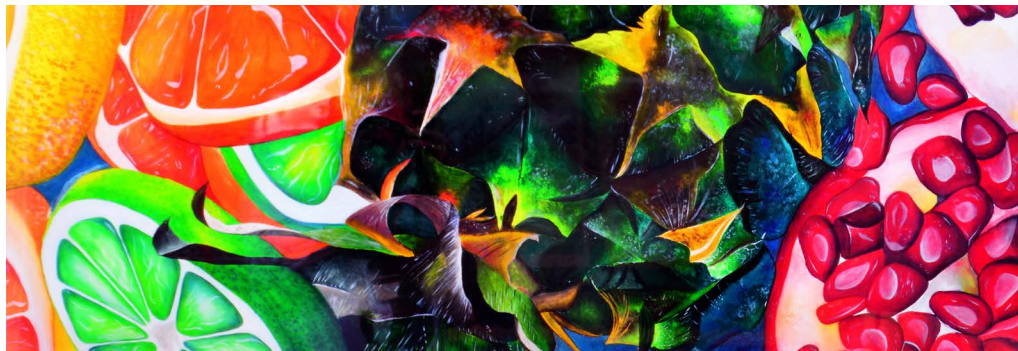
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

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Art Department
Free Admission

ART AND DESIGN

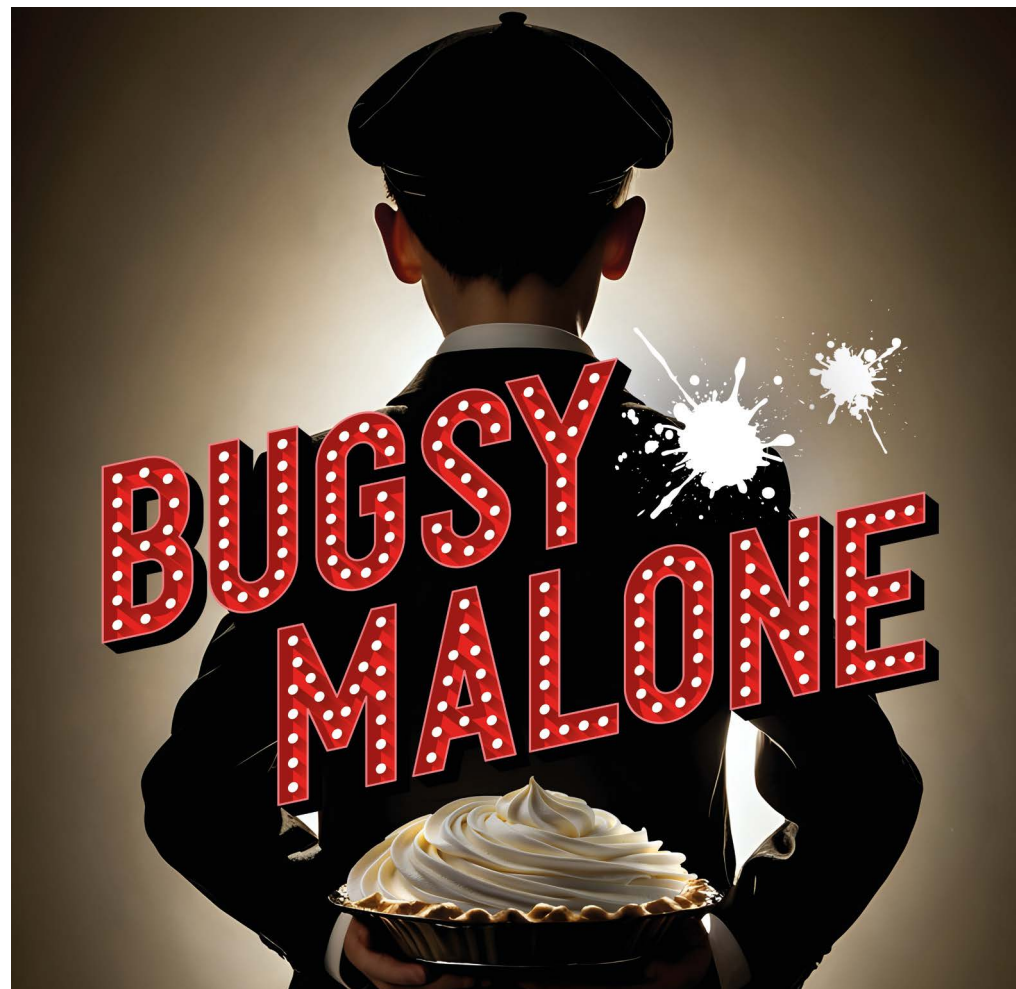


Private view of an exhibition of work taken from students' portfolios.

Thursday 15 May - Saturday 17 May 2025

Howard Hall
7.00pm

Adults £12 / Concessions £9

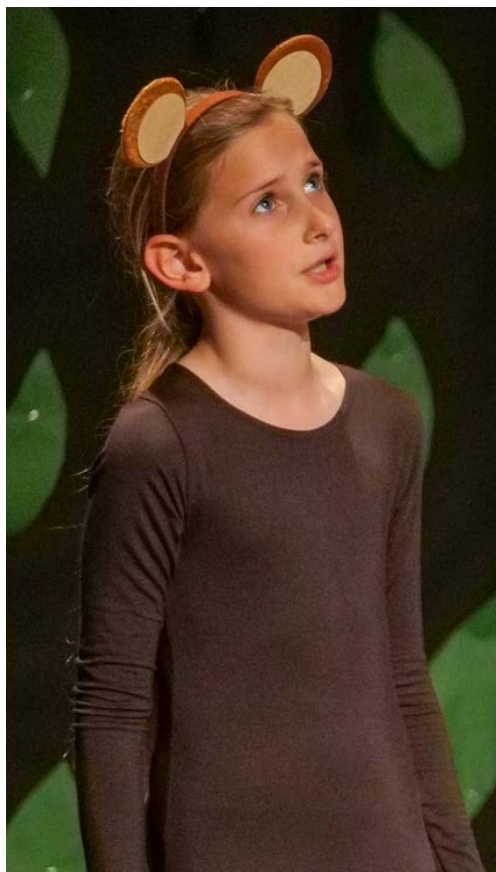


Prohibition era, New York. A city full of mobsters, showgirls and dreamers. Rival gangster bosses Fat Sam and Dandy Dan are at loggerheads. The custard pies are flying and Dandy Dan's gang has gotten the upper hand since obtaining the new-fangled "splurge" gun. Now, Fat Sam and his bumbling buffoons are in real trouble!

Enter Buggy Malone, a penniless one-time boxer and all-round nice guy. All Buggy really wants to do is spend time with his new love, Blousey, but will he be able to resist seductive songstress Tallulah and stay out of trouble long enough to help Fat Sam to defend his business...?

**Wednesday 18 June and
Thursday 19 June 2025**
Christopher Fry Hall / 7.00pm

Junior School Production



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

Tuesday 24 June 2025
Howard Hall
1.30pm

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

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

Friday 27 June 2025
Howard Hall
7.00pm
Free Admission

SUMMER OPEN MIC NIGHT



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

Wednesday 03 July 2025
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.

Friday 04 July 2025
Howard Hall
7.00pm
Free Admission

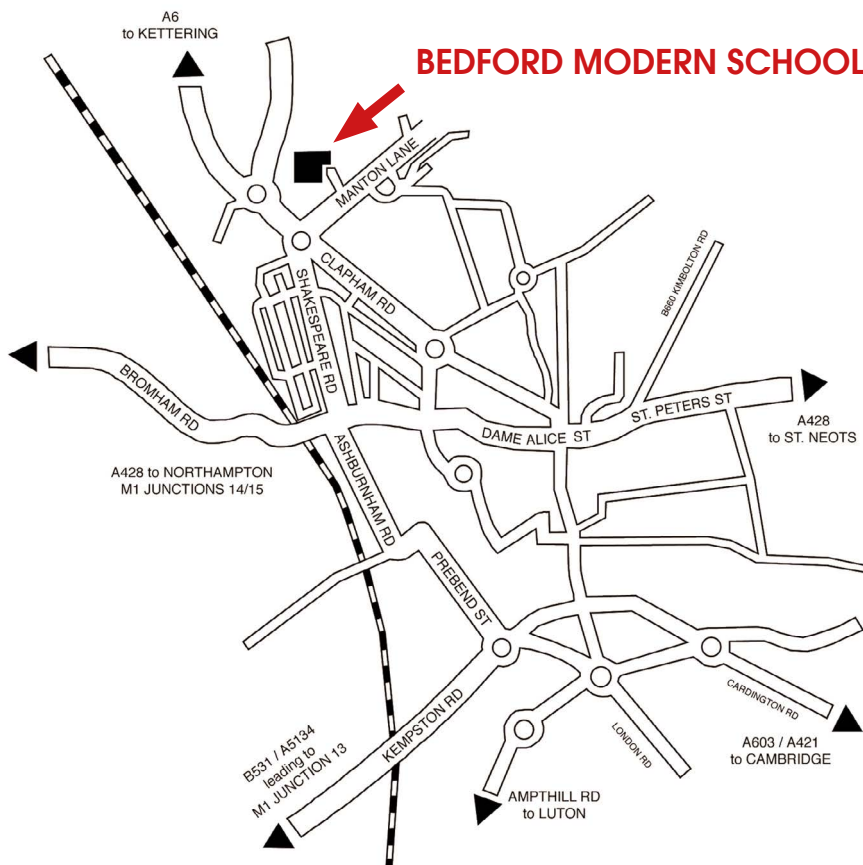
JUNIOR SCHOOL Summer Concert



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



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