



Little Shop of Horrors

Special!

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Headteacher Review of *Little Shop of Horrors* - Thursday 25 April

Little Shop of Horrors is a tale of a man-eating plant, young love and the darkest corners of human nature. The BFS annual production was packed with talent, treats and one deliciously enormous surprise.

The BFS cast and musicians performed to a packed house in the Redmaids' School theatre last Thursday and Friday. From the moment of the show's superb *Ronnettes*, which opened the proceedings, the show flowed seamlessly from scene to scene, bringing this cautionary tale to a rousing close that had the audience entranced.

In the lead role of Seymour, Alex (in 7TG6) was well cast. Perfect as the bumbling geek, he showed off his skilful comic timing, as well as showcasing his serious acting skills in the more emotional scenes with Audrey. As Audrey, Ailie (in 9TG3) was fantastic. Embodying the character completely, she brought the vulnerable, ditzy blonde to glorious life. She was funny and sentimental in equal measure and demonstrated a great singing voice. Both lead actors dealt with the rapid changes from comedy to deep sincerity - and back again - with aplomb, pulling off some challenging musical numbers along the way.

In the flamboyant role of Orin, Audrey's abusive boyfriend, Tom (12TG3) was mesmerising. Strutting around the stage with overt sleaziness and a bubbling undercurrent of instability, he fully embraced the role of the sadistic dentist. The dentist scene between Orin and Seymour was hilarious, with both actors demonstrating perfect comic timing and strong physical theatre. The audience were in fits of laughter during this scene and it was certainly one of the highlights of the show.

Lily (in 9TG2) rounded off the leads, in the role of Seymour's father figure, Mushnik. She gave a wonderful performance as the self-interested character, and really came alive during her song and dance duet with Seymour. The leads were supported by the Ronnettes (Emily, Lily, Pearl, Evelyn, Lily, Georgia, Hannah, Holly, Eleanor, Yanna, Dania, Paige, Olivia, Izzy, Isabel, Hatty, and Imogen), who provided some cracking harmonies and showed off some snazzy choreography that kept the show slick and vibrant.

At the centre of some clever stage sets and lighting was, of course, the ever-growing presence of blood-loving plant, Audrey II, brought to sinister and demanding life initially by Brandon (in 8TG3) and later by Posy (in 9TG3). Audrey II was spectacular; she moved and grew throughout the performance to her ultimate man-eating size.

Music was at the heart of the show and BFS's full orchestra was, once again, fantastic. It included students from Year 7 to Year 13, reflecting the high standard of our musicians and the inclusiveness of our thriving music department. Well done to all involved.

As Headteacher, watching this, my first BFS school production, I was immensely proud; in the show, students not only sang and played superbly, but displayed tremendous acting ability for young people aged between 11 and 17. Students were involved backstage in the technical team including lighting, sound, props, wardrobe and makeup.

This production provided students with the experience of performing in a professional theatre, helping build their confidence, collaborative skills and performance abilities.

I must thank Ms Clifton, Mr Pate, Mrs Giblin and Ms Gould, who have been there from casting to curtain close. Their commitment is an asset to our school and an inspiration to our students.

Enjoy this week's newsletter - dedicated to the show.



Mrs S King
Headteacher



According to the audience...



"Fearless and **Brilliant**.
Such talented young people."

Mrs Laroly

"Good! The funniest bit
was when the dentist
said, 'Oh mama!'"

Chloe, aged 8

"Absolutely **fantastic**
production!"

Mr Preston



"**Outstanding.**"

Dr Witherden



"Sparkling.
The children are
blooming
marvellous"

Mr Tucker





According to the cast...



"I loved this experience so much; the cast and teachers were amazing!"
Posy (Audrey II)



"Best cast, band and tech team to work with in a school production to date!"
Tom (The Dentist)

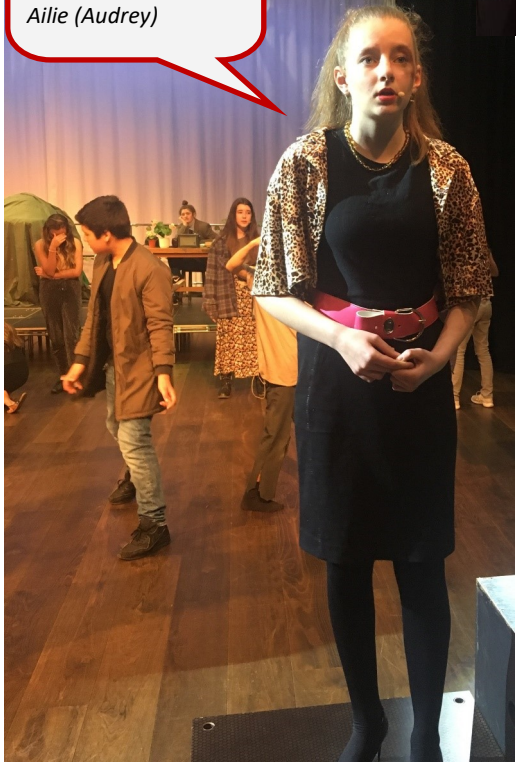


"I absolutely loved *Little Shop*; it was so fun and exciting and I wish I could do it all over again."
Hatty (Ronnette)



"I loved doing *Little Shop of Horrors*. It was an amazing experience to be part of; it was amazing."
Diana (Ensemble)

"The cast and crew are so talented and it wouldn't be possible without the teachers"
Ailie (Audrey)



"It was a fantastic experience and an amazing opportunity! I absolutely loved it! Thank you so much to all the teachers."
Alex (Seymour)



Messages for the cast from the staff...

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Little Shop of Horrors* for putting on a brilliant show. Never have I seen an audience as buzzing as they were on closing night. You have been such a fun and dedicated cast to work with and I am bursting with pride at what you have achieved. I can't wait to work with you all again next year!

Ms Clifton

I am extremely proud of the ability and commitment of the musicians, actors and dancers in *Little Shop of Horrors*. They achieved an outstanding performance and I loved every second of working with them. I hope that this inspires them to take this further in their careers when they leave secondary school.

Ms Gould

What an amazing show. I could not be more proud of the cast, crew and band, and being part of this special production. The team really pulled together and showed their true talent. Well done everyone; a legacy to remember.

Mrs Giblin

Full Cast List

Audrey	Ailie
Seymour	Alex
Mushnik	Lily
Plant	Posy
Baby plant	Brandon
Dentist	Tom



Ronnettes

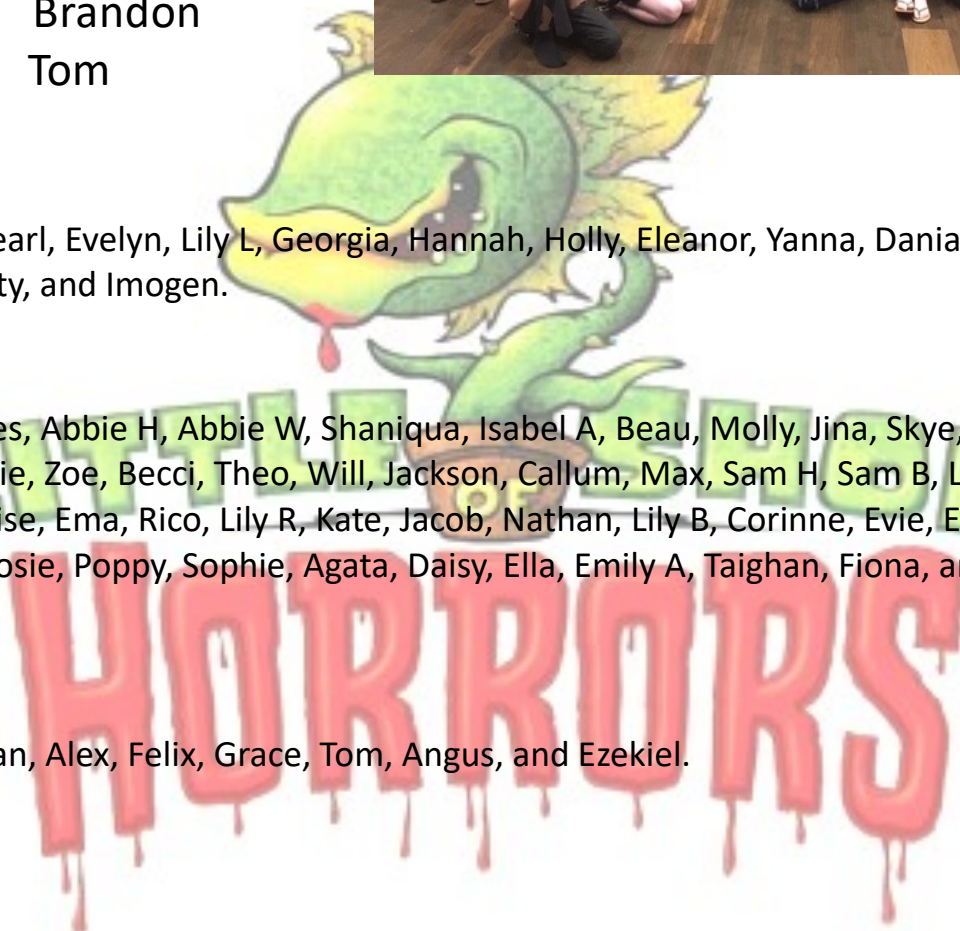
Emily, Lily O'C, Pearl, Evelyn, Lily L, Georgia, Hannah, Holly, Eleanor, Yanna, Dania, Paige, Olivia, Izzy, Isabel P, Hatty, and Imogen.

Ensemble

Holly, Diana, Miles, Abbie H, Abbie W, Shaniqua, Isabel A, Beau, Molly, Jina, Skye, Lizzie, Hope, Keziah, Grace, Evie, Zoe, Becci, Theo, Will, Jackson, Callum, Max, Sam H, Sam B, Lucy, Isaac, Simona, Aila, Eloise, Ema, Rico, Lily R, Kate, Jacob, Nathan, Lily B, Corinne, Evie, Emily M, Erin, Ayomide, Lola, Rosie, Poppy, Sophie, Agata, Daisy, Ella, Emily A, Taighan, Fiona, and Elize.

Band

Matthew, Kit, Ryan, Alex, Felix, Grace, Tom, Angus, and Ezekiel.





Meanwhile...

Concorde's 50th Anniversary

Last term the Sixth Form received 3 invitations for students to attend the 50th Anniversary Dinner of Concorde's first flight. Students were invited to apply to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity. After reviewing some very high quality applications three winners were chosen; Michael, Phillipa and Fiona.

The "black tie" dinner was hosted by Airbus at the new Aerospace Bristol Museum and was attended by VIP speaker HRH The Princess Royal. It was a great event that allowed our students to talk to industry professionals over a three-course dinner and let them gain a deeper insight into the roles within aerospace engineering and the various routes into the profession. We were also present for the first drooping of the nose since Concorde's last flight. We would like to thank Airbus for this amazing experience.

Mr Gough



Particle Physics Masterclass

Our super Year 12 physicists attended a particle physics masterclass last Thursday, hosted by the University of Bristol. The PhD students soon had us analysing real data from the LHC in Switzerland, even detecting the Higgs Boson!

We also took part in a 'build your own detector' activity, requiring not just top-notch physics knowledge, but also an experiment, awareness of engineering, and knowledge of how they apply for funding for their projects.

Throughout the day there were talks about the many projects undertaken in the Particle Physics Department, with the *piece de resistance*, a live link-up to scientists at CERN, who answered all our questions about how it feels to work on such a collaborative multinational project (and also some questions about the food in their famous canteen!). I think we all felt inspired to jet off to Geneva to join them!



Lego donations

The SEND department are hoping to start a fine motor skills intervention and need Lego bricks in order to do so!

If anybody has any going spare, please bring them to Reception. Thank you.

Clubs for Term 5 and 6

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the end of the year.

The week commencing 6 May is **Blue Week**.

Events in the next fortnight

06/05/2019	May Bank Holiday
07/05/2019	Y9&10 boys' cricket vs Fairfield (away)
08/05/2019	
09/05/2019	
10/05/2019	
11/05/2019	
12/05/2019	
13/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams SCS Governors Committee Meeting
14/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams Y8 delivering to North Bristol Foodbank Y7-10 girls' Rounders vs Oasis Brightstowe (away)
15/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams Chemistry Festival trip Y9&10 boys' cricket vs Redland Green (away)
16/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams Headteacher Surgeries, 5-6:30pm. Appointment Only. Berlin Parent Information Evening, 6pm Y7&8 boys' cricket vs Oasis Brightstowe (away) Athletics @ Whitehall Athletics Track 9am-2pm
17/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
18/05/2019	
19/05/2019	