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Newsletter

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Dedicated to the memory of Mr Calum Leys - Head of School

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Note from the Head

Welcome to this year's penultimate edition of the Ramsey Voice.

We have taken the time during this half term to reflect on events during the past year. This edition is dedicated to the memory of Mr Leys (Head of School), who passed away a year ago. All students attended a Memorial Assembly to remember the contribution Mr Leys made to the school and the local community.

The theme of the assembly was based on taking opportunities and not being afraid to attempt things outside of your comfort zone. This edition contains reports of numerous activities which celebrate the achievements of our students in school and the local community.

The recently completed Community Art Project in Earls Colne is an excellent example of the school working in collaboration with the local community. If you are aware of projects or opportunities that would be beneficial to the students and local residents, please contact us.

As we gradually recover from the pandemic, we are delighted to re-introduce the employer drop-in workshops for the students. These provide a valuable opportunity for the students to question and explore the different careers pathways available to them. We are always looking for new businesses to expand our network. If you would like to become involved with the programme please contact us.

It is just over a year since we merged with the Bridge Academy Trust. The school has worked extensively with the schools within the Trust, to share good practice and provide numerous professional development opportunities for the staff, which in turn will contribute to the continual improvement of provision for the students.

We have also developed a Bridge Community Award. Further details will be shared soon, with the aim being to recognise the contribution the young people make to the local community.

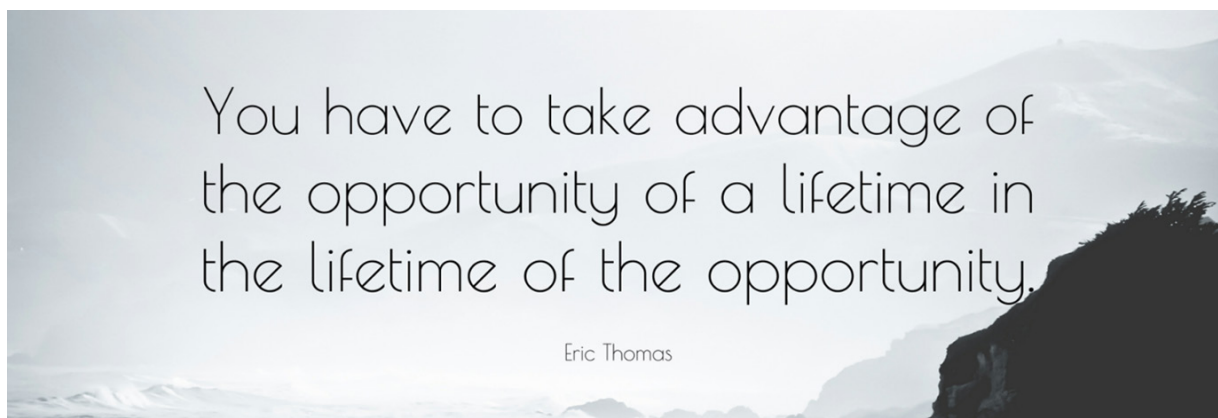
There are numerous opportunities highlighted in the newsletter promoting active involvement in the community and it would be great if we could report on these activities in the future.

To fulfil our aim for students to 'best the best you can be' we have a core set of principles:

- To enjoy coming to school and learning experiences available to them
- To be enriched with a wealth of opportunities inside and outside of lessons and the curriculum, so that all talents are identified and nurtured
- To achieve high standards:
 - o Academically - in terms of examination results
 - o Personally - through their respect for others and their environment
 - o Socially - through their contribution to the life of the school and wider community

The Ramsey Achievement Award combines all these elements together. Shortly after half term we will be presenting successful students with their badges and report on the successes in the final edition of the Ramsey Voice.

To allow Ramsey to become 'an outstanding school in the heart of the community' we actively seek links with the local community to create opportunities for our young people. As part of the Memorial Assemblies, students were reminded of the following quotation:



Ramsey Food Tech News

Year 10 recently created some amazing burgers. Beef, chicken, bean, all different recipes and ingredients, but all tasted sensational!



Year 9 are continuing to look at the science of bread, so during a recent lesson, students used enriched dough to make Cinnamon Buns. Great work!



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Earls Colne Art Mural Community Project




Ramsey Academy Year 9 Art Students, have recently spent three days working on a Community Arts project, to improve the park and garage area situated in De Vere Road, Earls Colne. The school have spent a year planning the project and have worked in collaboration with Earls Colne Primary School, East Light Community homes and The Bell Group, to create a stunning mural to transform this once tired area. We are extremely proud of all the students who contributed to the designs and painting of the mural. Well done!

Mrs Gerrard and Mrs Tyler.



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Earls Colne Art Mural Community Project



Do you want to build a snowman?

Shortly before we broke up for the Easter Holidays, we certainly had some freak weather in Halstead! On 1 April, we even had some snow flurries. Year 9 students, Niamh H and Izzy T, managed to collect enough snow to make their own snowman, who they called Walter.



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Essex Travel App

Here at Essex County Council (ECC), we want to make journey planning and travelling around the county easier.

In response, we have launched the TravelEssex app, a new tool that brings together sustainable travel options into one place, helping users to simply navigate public transport and plan routes by foot, bike, bus and train.

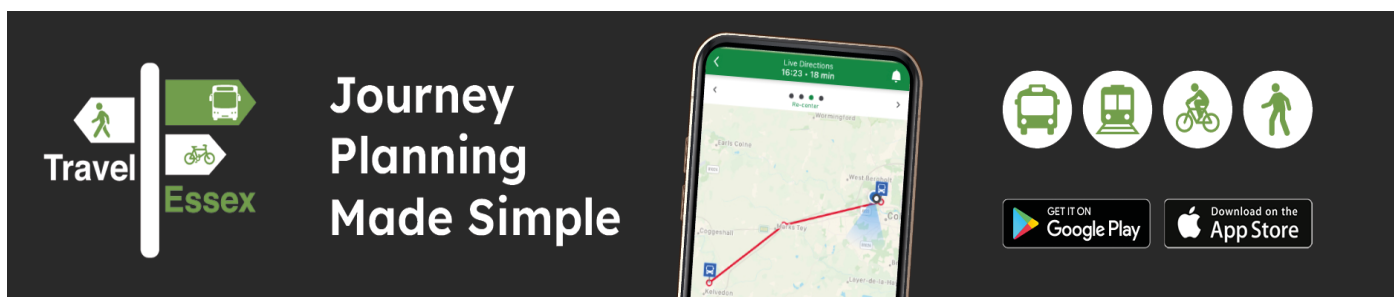


Part of Essex's Safer, Greener, Healthier approach to transport, we are calling on communities in Essex to help support the launch of the app to encourage more of us to make sustainable journeys more frequently. We recognise that not everyone will be able to travel sustainably.

TravelEssex is an easy-to-use journey planning app that allows users to view sustainable transport options throughout Essex in one place. This new, free-to-use, sustainable travel app, can help you plan journeys across the county by train, bus, bike and foot.

Providing real-time travel information, the app gives users journey information, departure times and live alerts for bus and rail services across the county. Users can also select their 'favourite' destinations, so their planned route is only a few clicks away.

To plan your next sustainable journey, download the TravelEssex app by searching 'TravelEssex' in the Google Store or Apple app or by visiting www.travelessex.co.uk.



Essex Music Service Lessons at The Ramsey Academy

I am very pleased to offer one-to-one music lessons in school at **The Ramsey Academy** provided by Essex Music Service's team of high-quality music tutors.

Learning a musical instrument can have many positive effects on a child's social, personal and educational development as well as giving them a great sense of enjoyment and achievement.



Book now for the Autumn Term 2022.

We are now accepting bookings for the Autumn Term 2022.

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<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1538#/courselist/25>

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Would you like to know more? Use the online link above.

Mr Lewis-James

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Entry Requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, where possible, including English Language and Maths
More information here:

<https://scleducation.co.uk/btec-level-3-national-extended-diploma-in-business/>

Register your interest here:

<https://form.jotform.com/220103948322043>

Swimming success!



Congratulations to Daniel F, who recently took part in the Essex County Swimming Championships. Daniel has also represented Halstead Swimming Club in a number of other county and regional events.



In the Essex Championships 1500m swim race, he came 3rd!

He also competed last month in the 1500m regional event, in which he came 5th in the whole of the Eastern Region!

He had three additional regional entry times (200m, 400m and 800m freestyle) which he got to compete in during April. Daniel secured good long course personal best times in all of them, culminating in achieving a gold medal in his 800m swim race and knocking thirty seconds off his personal best!!

Daniel was also chosen to be one of Halstead Swimming Club's Junior Captains this year.

As he has been such a good role model, he was asked to be a Development Mentor and assist with coaching the development squad this year. We are all very proud of the success Daniel has achieved in swimming!

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We are based at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form and we have links with more than 20 secondary schools around Essex.

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Get in touch today!

Halstead in Bloom Competition



UNDER 16'S JUBILEE GARDEN COMPETITION

Children of Halstead under 16 years,
Halstead in Bloom would like you to create

A GARDEN FIT FOR THE QUEEN
OR A FLORAL CROWN

in a container no longer than 40cm

for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

All entries will be displayed in Holy Trinity Church

During the Jubilee week.



ENTRY FORMS FROM
HALSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL
Or from your organisation



All entries and completed forms
to be taken to

Holy Trinity Church on 1st June

To be judged on 2nd JUNE

FREE ENTRY

Prizes for pre-school, junior or secondary categories

ALL ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AT
THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY ON 2nd JUNE

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Halstead Town Council are hosting 'Halstead in Bloom' competition for local children aged under 16. The brief is to create a garden fit for a Queen or a floral crown.

Entries should be taken to Holy Trinity Church on 1 June, with a completed entry form (below, on our website or available from the Council).

Entries will be judged on 2nd June and all entries will remain on display in the church during Jubilee week.

Halstead in Bloom

UNDER 16'S JUBILEE GARDEN COMPETITION

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

AGE..... PRE-SCHOOL/PRIMARY/SECONDARY (please circle)

EMAIL:.....

PHONE NO.

All entries and completed forms to be taken to Holy Trinity Church CO9 1JJ on 1st June between 11 and 12 noon to be judged.

Winners announced 2nd JUNE at 11 am. You are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Please collect all entries from the church by Sunday 5th June by 3pm.

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Football Competition

Ramsey Year 8 boys, recently competed in an Essex Police funded, 7-a-side Football competition. The Ramsey team were made up of students; Dani Y, Kenan F, Sean C, Tye B, Will W, Jack C, Kyeran G and Charlie T.

There were 5 teams competing from different schools in the area. The Ramsey team, came third overall, narrowly losing to the overall winners in the semi finals. Well done!



New website section 'Staying Safe online'

We recently created a new section of the school website, dedicated to the very important topic of providing parents/carers with information and guidance regarding e-safety and keeping their children safe online.

There is a whole host of resources on a number of very relevant topics in the e-safety arena contained within this section.

This section can be found here: <https://www.ramseyacademy.com/helping-parents-keep-their-children-safe-online> in the 'About Us' section.

Use of the internet can however be very useful for school work, to help us in our day-to-day lives and of course for social fun. However, it is very important to be cautious at all times when using the internet and social media. With social media in particular, once it's out there its traceable, so be sensible and kind ALWAYS.

When you apply for jobs, employers will often search social media profiles, so anything you've posted will be visible, even decades later.

Always make use of the internet and social media wisely in order to keep safe! If you notice anything on the internet or social media that concerns you, ALWAYS let a responsible adult, trusted teacher, or the school's Safeguarding Officer know. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to tell us, your communication will always be handled discreetly.



BBFC Black Card Competition

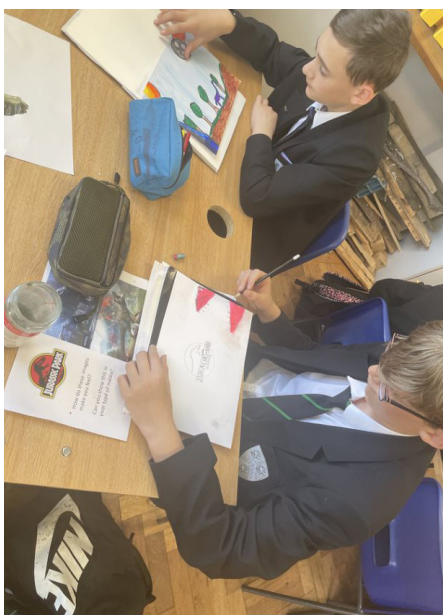
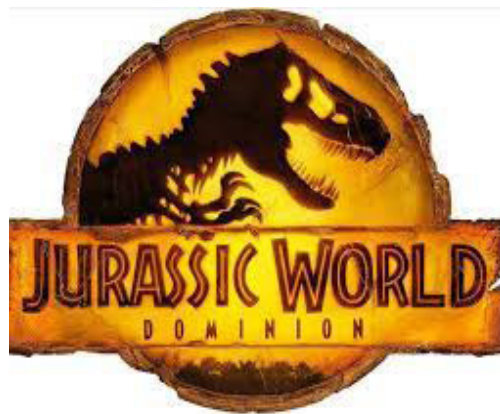
We have had lots of fun in our Year 7 Art lessons recently, as we decided to take part in a national art competition.

The competition was set out by the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification), where secondary students from up and down the country, were asked to come up with a design for a black card (slide with the film's age certification) for the new upcoming Jurassic Park film. The winner of the competition will have their work displayed before every showing of 'Jurassic World Domination' meaning that the whole country will see it!!

Our Year 7s have been very busy using their imagination, to create a variety of ideas and using their art skills, to come up with some fantastic pieces. We have seen lots of skill and techniques being used, one being the use of paint filled water bombs, which the students had great fun with!

We decided to have an internal competition to celebrate the students' successes with everyone receiving a prize, but with Ted H, Jack B, Carla E, Tristen T, Harry P, all earning extra merits for their enthusiasm, effort and resilience when completing the task.

The students have been absolutely fantastic and we are incredibly proud of them. We have now submitted our entries and so hopefully we may see one of our students' names on the big screen!



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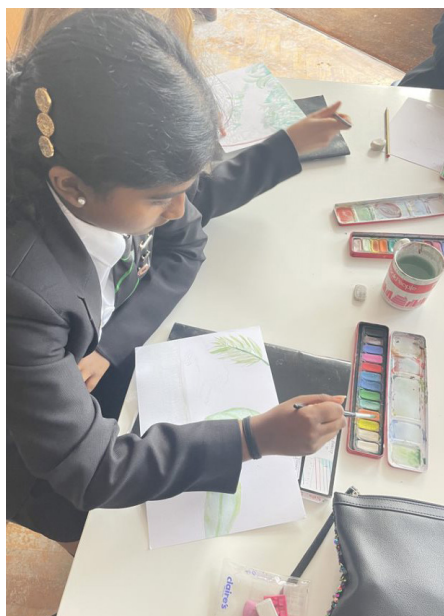


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BBFC Black Card Competition



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BBFC Black Card Competition

Here are the final art pieces that were submitted for entry to the BBFC competition! We can't wait to find out if any of our student entries are successful. Imagine that, seeing your artwork displayed every time this blockbuster movie is run in cinemas!



Karate success!

Congratulations to Alfie M, who recently passed his black belt in Karate! An amazing achievement!




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Library News



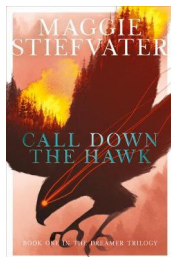
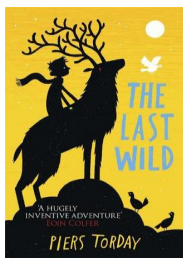
Ramsey Library News

Our dedicated student librarians are working hard to keep the library neat and tidy. Helping with noticeboard displays, book displays and preparing new books to go onto the shelves.

We have a display showing the different genres available in our library which include Horror, Mystery, Humour and plenty more. We have a good selection to entice every reader.

Congratulations to Rosie in year 11 who won the World Book Day Quiz. We hope you enjoy your prize.

We have a new selection of fiction books, amongst which are Piers Torday's The Last Wild Trilogy and Maggie Stiefvater's Dreamer Trilogy.



Coming soon.....

We will be celebrating Empathy Day on June 9. There is a display in the library with recommended books to read.

Happy reading everyone, from Mrs Heath and Mrs Gilbert

Careers, Apprenticeships, Sixth Form and College

College and Sixth Form places

Good luck to all the Year 11 leavers. I hope you all achieve what you need and your hard work pays off. If any students still require last minute advice or guidance on careers or college places, please contact me in school on Wednesdays. Some colleges will still receive late applicants and it is recommended that students have a backup plan. Students, are therefore, able to accept more than one college or sixth form place and wait until their results are issued before making their final decision. If on results day students achieve much higher or lower than they expect they are advised to contact the colleges directly to discuss what places are available to them.

College/Sixth Form Contact Details:

Chelmsford College - tel: 01245 265611 www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk
Writtle College - tel: 01245 424200 www.writtle.ac.uk
Colchester Institute - Tel No: 01206 712777 www.colchester.ac.uk
The College at Braintree tel: 01376 321711 www.colchester.ac.uk
Colchester Sixth Form tel: 01206 500700 www.colchsfc.ac.uk
Braintree Sixth Form tel: 01376 556353 www.braintreesixthform.com
Hedingham Sixth Form tel: 01787 460470 www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk



Apprenticeships

For any Year 11 students considering an apprenticeship NOW is the time to apply for any vacancies being advertised. An apprenticeship is a way for a young person to gain fully recognised qualifications whilst being employed. Students need to be sure that they are ready for full-time work and are confident that the type of work they are entering is suited to them. Apprenticeships are available in all types of industries including, business administration, healthcare, childcare, graphics, marketing, mechanics, catering, sport and so on.



Jubilee Events in Halstead

All events are free to attend

Thursday 2 June - in the public Gardens

11:00 – 12:00 – Serena Grant, Singer, Guitarist & DJ

14:00 – 17:00 - Caribbean Regals Steel Band

Stalls from Halstead WI and Milly Moos Ice Cream Van

21:45 – Lighting of the Beacon at Halstead Fire Station

Friday 3 June - in the Public Gardens with Torsbeanie Food truck, Milly Moos Ice Cream and Candy Dream Sweets van

10:00 – Children's Outdoor Cinema – Encanto

14:00 – Children's Outdoor Cinema – Pirates of the Caribbean

Saturday 4 June - at Weavers Court

10:00 – 14:00 Activities will include stalls provided by St Andrews Church, HAPPY (activities for younger children), HIB, Royal British Legion, Guides and Brownies, Scouts, and Owls and Birds of Prey Rescue Charity

Sunday 5 June - in the Public Gardens with Milly Moos Ice Cream and Torsbeanie Food Truck

11:30 – 12:30 – Halstead Community Choir

14:00 – 17:00 - Beavers Concert

Queen's Jubilee Portrait Competition Winners

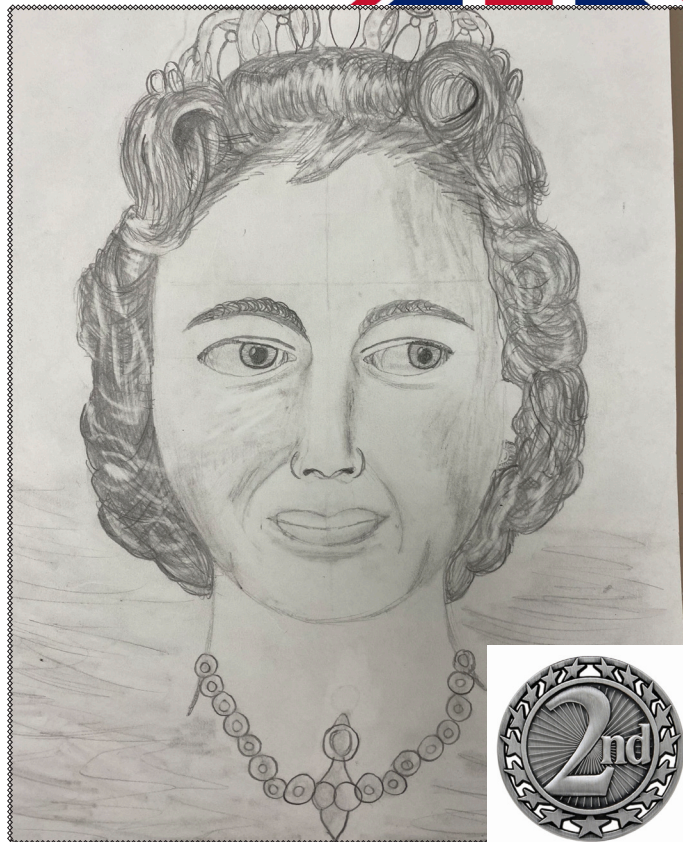
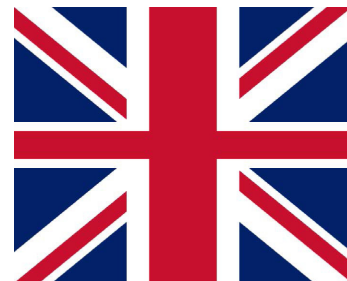
The judges had some very difficult decisions to make as all entries were of an extremely high standard.

Eventually, the judges declared Amber A's artwork the winner!

Runner up is: Jessica H

Group runners up are: Isabella L, Scarlett E, Hannah E, Milana T, Amber A.

We have prizes and merits to award very soon! Well done to all who entered!



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Employer Drop Ins

Employer Drop Ins have begun!

We recently had the first of our employer drop sessions, which was well attended by a range of students who are involved in sports, or interested in learning about the range of careers and pathways available in sport and coaching.

We are extremely grateful to Adam Hampson from Essex Professional Coaching, who gave up his time to talk to students. He gave details of his own career into football coaching, and also setting up a business. The students were able to ask questions about the best way in to those careers and were given details of what potential employers will look for. Our employer drop ins continue on Wednesdays with upcoming visits covering Accounting, Digital Marketing, Armed Forces and Hairdressing planned. Watch out for future drop in session advertisements!



The Quay Theatre Performing Arts Summer School - Monday 25 July – Saturday 30 July

Monday 25 July – Saturday 30 July 2022 inclusive.

Monday to Thursday 10.00a.m. – 4.30p.m. Friday 11.00a.m. – 8.15p.m. Saturday 4.30p.m. – 9.00p.m. AGES 8-16 yrs

It is important that participants attend every day, including the Saturday. This is essential. Course Fees: £125.00 or £230 for two students from the same immediate family (£345.00 for 3)

Maximum capacity: 40

- A chance to learn and refine performance skills in acting, movement and music through classes, workshops and performance.
- We will be having two performances on the Friday and Saturday evenings in the Quay auditorium which families will be able to buy tickets for (£6.00 adults/£4.00 children under 16).
- There will be a number of general acting and movement classes to develop more awareness of:
 - General acting techniques, body language and gesture
 - The dynamic range of the voice
 - Creating a character and learning improvisation techniques
 - Stage discipline and creativity and working as a team.



In addition to the general classes, there will be two 75 minute workshops concentrating on specific aspects of theatre performance. These will be split into different age groups. The two workshop titles include:

- Voice and Stagecraft – to include projection, accents and knowing your way around the stage
- Who am I? – a look at characterisation and living in the moment – to include some movement and song.

PERFORMANCE: This year our show is going to introduce the new streaming service 'QUAYFLIX' – Sudbury's answer to Netflix, with excerpts from a host of shows including MIDSOMER MURDERS – the new Scandi-Noir series; the Q SHOPPING CHANNEL; the new arts spectacular JAWS THE MUSICAL MEETS "GOOSE" LAKE and HORRIBLE HISTORIES DO SHAKESPEARE.

Expect the unexpected in a show that will be largely comic (so we expect the audience to laugh!)

There will be TWO performances and they will take place on Friday and Saturday at 6.30pm on the Quay Theatre stage. All the students will be involved in the performance and have opportunities to sing, dance and act.

It should be noted that this is a workshop performance – not a finished product – and aims to demonstrate the skills learnt during the week.

Bookings must be made through our website or by telephone on 01787 374745 – (Mon-Fri 10a.m. – 4p.m.) or in person (Mon-Fri 1p.m.-3p.m.) www.quaysudbury.com/events/summer-school-of-performing-arts-2022.

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