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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL  
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Chosen Hill School's  
Production of

ROALD DAHL'S

# Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.

## Post Show Reflection

February 2024



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After completing the whole school production of Guys and Dolls in 2023, I thought that we would have a tough task in replicating the quality of such an incredible show. In choosing to stage Matilda Jr. we knew that we were taking on many demanding moments and incredible characters to bring to life in the Main School Hall. A group of staff took an expedition to London to watch the show in the West End and it fired our collective creativity whilst reinforcing the challenge that lay ahead.

Despite many difficulties faced by the staff and children involved in producing a stage musical whilst balancing teaching workloads and study (with 1000s of hours having been invested into the project) I am delighted with the final performances given by our magnificent ensemble. I am sure it will live long in the memory of those who participated in or saw the production. The glowing feedback received from our generous audience members has been fed back to the students on Friday by the headteacher, who rewarded the cast members with doughnuts at lunchtime for their efforts.

I extend my warmest thanks to our amazing student artists who designed and painted the fabulous sets, led by Miss Williams, Miss Hill and to Mr Foster and Mr Lister who built the amazing gates and fully functional swings amongst many other contributions! For procuring the fantastic costumes and leading make up and backstage, Mrs Forster. In preparing our dancers, special thanks go to Mrs Gregory and Miss Miller, and for her work with choral singing, Miss Barks. In leading the musical elements of the production, Miss Poole (amongst her many other jobs) requires special praise, alongside Mr Day; who led our dedicated and essential student stage technicians who supported the actors so professionally.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our very special departing Y13 students who have demonstrated excellence in attitude and performance over a number of years, supporting and setting such positive examples for younger additions to the performing arts family who have joined us this year. Eloise, Emily, Maddie, Lily, Jim, Gabby and Taylor, we wish you the very best in all your future endeavours and hope you will look back on your years of performance with fondness in years to come, you will be missed!

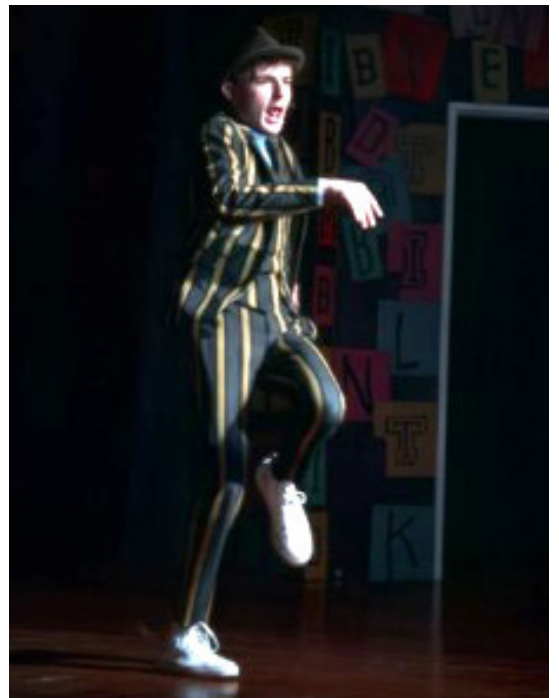
**Mr G Aston**  
**Head of Performing Arts**

*More photographs will be available after half term, please enjoy a few now from a stunning Chosen Hill Show*













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