

CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL

Performing Arts Newsletter



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Autumn Concert

This year's Chew Valley Schools autumn concert was a success, featuring many acts including the swing band, Fiver for a Subway and the newly formed folk group at the school. Many of the students taking peripatetic music lessons also joined in with groups such as the youth & chamber choir, guitar ensemble and the orchestra performing. We would like to thank the peripatetic teachers - Rick Payne, Joan Green and Tim Parker - for taking the time to come along to the concert and showcase their student groups. We were also pleased to have performances from our A-Level music students who showed us some of their solo pieces.

This concert was followed by the Christmas Carol Concert on Tuesday the 15th December at Chew Magna Church.





Dance Festival 8-11th February 2010

Following the success of last year when 1,200 people saw the show over the 4 nights, and in order to accommodate all those that request tickets, we hope to be running six shows over four days.

For tickets or information please contact Jody Helliar or Suzanne Gaved on 01275 334243.

Upper School Production 24th -27th February 2010

Following on from last year's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', the Performing Arts faculty has already begun working on this year's production of 'A Little Shop of Horrors'. The musical, set in 1950's down town New York tells the story of Seymour Krelbourn, the clumsy employee of Mushnik's Flower Shop on Skid Row. Mushnik has decided to close the shop until Seymour shows him a strange and interesting new plant that he has been working on. The plant, which he calls Audrey II (after the girl he has a hopeless crush on), immediately attracts business. That night, Seymour discovers what Audrey II eats: blood. Seymour feeds the plant, and as a result, it gets bigger and bigger. When Seymour becomes unable to keep feeding it, the plant begins to talk, urging him to kill people and feed them to him. Audrey II promises him rewards, business, luxuries, everything he's ever wanted including, ultimately, Audrey. What does Seymour do? Come along in February to find out!



Tickets are on sale in the Performing Arts Office. Please call 01275 334243 to reserve tickets.

Stanton Court Nursing Home – Music Project

Julie Payne our resident piano expert is now working at Stanton Court Nursing Home as part of our community work. The specialist school funding is being used to provide music and movement sessions for residents. We hope to promote fitness, health and a positive mental outlook through music and enjoyment. We hope to eventually involve the Chew Valley students within the work.



Kompany Malakhi create unique inter-disciplinary experiences rooted in dance and movement and are coming in to work with our GCSE dance students on lift work on the 29th of January.

Champloo Dance Company

Champloo are revisiting us to give further street dancing sessions, this time with our Creative & Media Diploma students who are producing work based on the 'environment'. As part of this we have arranged a number of workshops which will take place in school and we are also taking our students to a Woodlanders Bushcraft session at the Belmont Estate.

We are looking to contrast countryside vs urban environments.

Bristol Old Vic

Bristol Old Vic are coming in for three sessions with our Yr 11 Drama students. They will be working on their 'Devising Toolkit 1' workshops which aim to give an insight into a specific area of the theatre-making process. These practical sessions provide the tools, the ideas, the skills, exercises and techniques required to make a piece of modern theatre.

New! Youth Theatre KS4

Following response to feedback from students and parents, we have made a number of changes to our KS4 Youth Theatre. Chief among these is that we have invited an exciting new practitioner to join us and lead the Youth Theatre sessions next term. Paul West will now be taking the group. Paul is an experienced actor and director who helped run a successful Young Persons Theatre group at the Theatre Royal, Bath.

The club is open to all Year 10 and 11 Drama students, not only those who take GCSE Drama, and will run on TUESDAY EVENINGS from 4.00pm – 5.00pm in Drama Studio 1. We run over 10 weeks each term and the project is partly funded as part of the school's Specialist Status.

Please contact Mr Conway for information if you'd like to join.