

News from Fairfield High

Fairfield pulls out the custard and splurge to present Bugsy Malone

Fairfield High School (FHS) delighted its audience with two evenings (and two separate casts) of musical comedy Bugsy Malone. Armed with custard instead of bullets, and plenty of splurge, the team seamlessly travelled back to 1920s New York to relive this timeless classic. The sell-out evenings exuded swift scene changes, strong acting performances, well-choreographed dance routines plus many humorous moments.

Natalie Thompson, Head of Performing Arts at Fairfield High School, comments: "A massive thank you to our cast and crew for their professionalism and all-round brilliance for taking Bugsy on with such gusto. We were honoured to have 150 members of the Fairfield Family wanting to take part this year, a new record! And finally a big thank you goes to all those who bought a ticket and helped Bugsy Malone come to life with their cheering and clapping."

Darren Jones MP pays Fem Soc a special visit, as part of International Women's Day

As part of Fairfield High School's International Women's Day celebrations, Darren Jones, the Member of Parliament for Bristol North-West, took time to visit the school's Fem Soc to deliver a special workshop on public speaking.

Darren gave examples for how his public speaking masterclass could be applied to a doctor or nurse as they spoke to patients, a bus driver as they spoke to customers, or as an IT technician while deciphering technical problems. In fact, these tips would be handy way before any of these examples could even come into play, with sixth form for some only around the corner. Darren also gave tips for students with their eyes on a career within the political world.

There was time for questions and answers at the end of the workshop – the part that the students had



been waiting for as they quickly got down to the nitty gritty! In 10 minutes they had established Darren's age, how much he earned, and the steps needed to become an MP, mayor or councillor.

Darren Jones MP comments: "I was shy growing up but learning the saxophone and being on stage was a turning point as my confidence grew. I now represent around 100,000, if you include young people who can't yet vote, and am in and out of national TV studios and the House of Commons every week. Aside from this, I really enjoy meeting the next generation of leaders. Fem Soc are a great bunch of students who listened intently, showed great body language of their own and who I am sure will have bright futures ahead."

Jenny Putman, Director of English and Classics at Fairfield High School, adds: "We would like to thank Darren for this wonderful masterclass which will be relevant for all walks of life."