

5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Principal's newsletter – Friday 5th November

I hope my latest newsletter finds you all well. I was really pleased to welcome students back to BOA this week and I look forward to sharing their successes with you via the newsletters this half-term.

BOA's Christmas Show: 'Alice in Wonderland' at The Old Rep Theatre:

I am delighted to announce BOA's Christmas Show, 'Alice in Wonderland', which opens on Saturday 20th November and will run until 17th December. BOA's Christmas Show, which boasts original songs and script - albeit based on the classic children's story - will be performed by Year 13 Musical Theatre students. The production is ably assisted by Year 13 Technical Theatre students, in addition to students from BOA: Stage & Screen Production. Tickets can be purchased via The Old Rep Theatre box office (www.oldreptheatre.co.uk/whats-on). I hope to see you all there!

Free Radio Hits Live:

Thank you to the students who represented their pathway areas for the filming of a promotional video for BOA: Creative, Digital & Performing Arts Academy, which will be shown on the main stage at Resorts World Arena Birmingham just ahead of the live performances from the headline acts of this year's *Free Radio Hits Live*. BOA students will also perform at the event and I look forward to sharing details in my forthcoming letters. *Free Radio Hits Live!* takes place on Saturday 20th November 2021 and will feature the following big-name artists: Rag 'n' Bone Man; Anne-Marie; Tom Grennan; Mabel; KSI; Becky Hill; Dermot Kennedy; James Arthur; Jesy Nelson. You can stand a chance to win free tickets by following this link:

[Win Tickets to Free Radio Hits Live with BOA Creative, Digital & Performing Arts Academy | Win - Free Radio \(Birmingham\) \(planetradio.co.uk\)](http://planetradio.co.uk)

BOA Year 10 Anniversary:

Thank you to all students who performed at BOA's 10 Year Anniversary event on Monday 1st November. Under normal circumstances, we would have aimed to hold a much bigger event. Due to COVID19, we invited our main partners, sponsors and industry links to a small gathering in the building. We enjoyed performances from the Dance Pathway, Music Pathway and Musical Theatre Pathway – as well as showcasing the outstanding talents of all pathways via promotional videos and montages. Please head over to our social media pages to view the *BOA 10 Year Anniversary* montage.

Attendance and 'lates' monitoring:

Please be aware that we are monitoring all 'lates' – in line with DfE guidance on attendance monitoring – to ensure all students arrive at the Academy on time for lessons. Punctuality also enables teachers to minimise any disruption to learning, particularly during the crucial opening stages of lessons. We are mindful of the fact that, on occasion, students may be late due to issues with public transport. Please support the Academy if there are any cases of 'persistent lateness'. We will contact you if there are any issues with your child's attendance and punctuality.

COVID19:

Whereas I am pleased to report that, following a brief spike in confirmed cases of COVID19 a couple of weeks ago, cases among BOA's cohort were in decline by the half-term break, it is essential to ask

all stakeholders to remain vigilant, especially as cases across the nation have been rising over the past few weeks. One of the main ways to a) detect possible cases, and b) prevent any potential spread is for students to continue with the lateral flow device tests. Participating students should continue with the twice-weekly testing, as well as monitoring their health for any of the known symptoms. Thank you, in advance, for your help with this.

Success stories:

- Daisy Green (Year 11 Musical Theatre) will appear as Tinkerbell in Cobham Theatre Bromsgrove's production of 'Peter Pan' in December. Fantastic news!
- Congratulations to Sam Vernon (Year 13 Broadcast) who has been involved in the filming of a Sky Original film, 'The Colour Room' – starring Matthew Goode, Phoebe Dynevor and David Morrissey. The film will be released on 12th November in cinemas and on Sky Films.
- Amelia Waldron (Year 12 Music) has successfully auditioned for the lead part of Audrey in Sutton Coldfield Musical Theatre Company's production of 'Little Shop of Horrors', which will run in May and June 2022. Fantastic news!
- Congratulations to Ella Jennings (Year 10 Musical Theatre), who will appear in the opening flash mob sequence for Resort World Arena's production of 'The Wizard of Oz'.
- Danai Kalargeros (Year 10 Musical Theatre) will appear in 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Playbox Theatre, Warwick over the Christmas period. Great news!
- Congratulations to Chloe Waterworth (Year 12 Dance) who will be performing in 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry in November and December.

If you have any success stories to share, please email me on principal@boa-academy.co.uk.

Until I write again, I hope you all remain safe and well.

Yours truly,



Alistair Chattaway
Principal