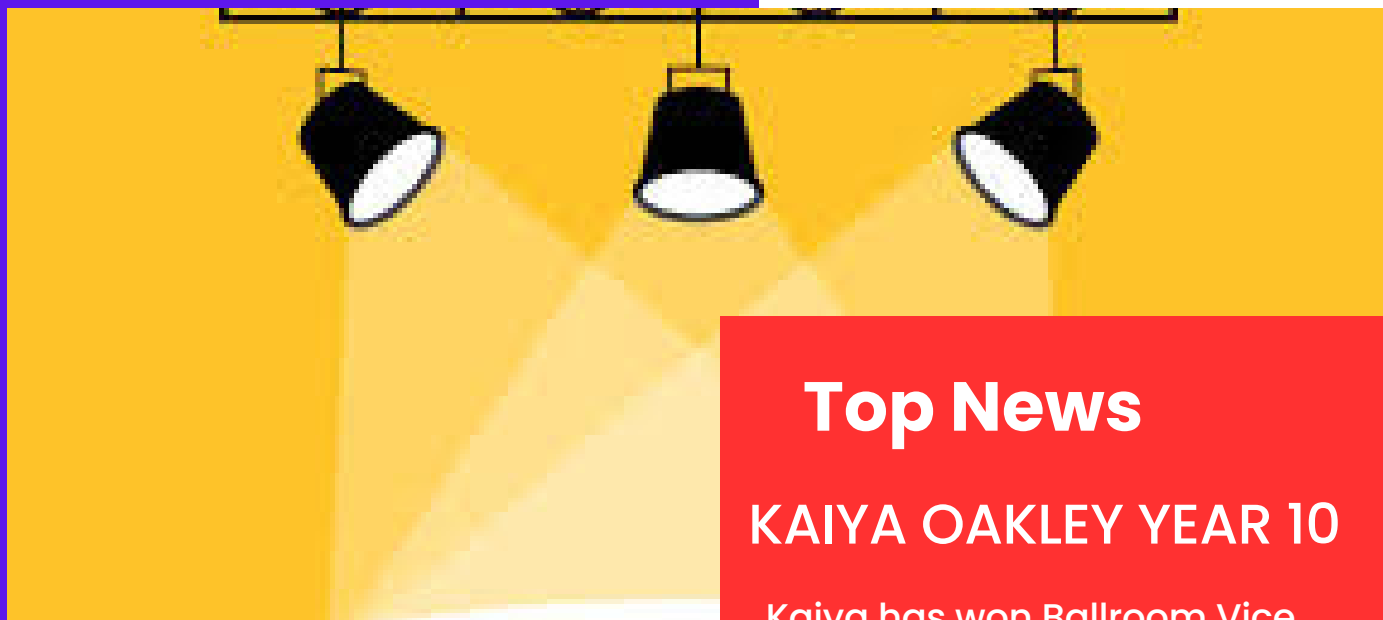


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Top News

KAIYA OAKLEY YEAR 10

Kaiya has won Ballroom Vice Champion in all events entered at the City of Birmingham Platinum Points Competition. A fantastic achievement Kaiya. Congratulations

Students at BOA are achieving great things outside of school

Here at BOA we are so proud of all the hard work and efforts students are putting into their learning and of the progress they are making across all of their subjects. Our remarkable and talented students are also working towards excellence outside of BOA and we want to recognise and celebrate these achievements. I am pleased to share with you some of the latest achievements and look forwards to hearing more success stories in the future. Best Wishes, Carmella Beschi (Student Champion Lead)



JOSEPH SHEPPARD AND FREINDS year 11

BOA was hugely represented in the SOCA LIVE Battle of the Bands on Saturday. Two bands from BOA, EXTSY and PULSE competed in the final at the Kelynmead Sports Club, Birmingham

The competition was spread over 6 months with 24 band competing for a place at Saturday,s Solihull Summer Festival

After a very close final, with both BOA bands performing fantastic sets, EXTSY emerged the winner. Although the judges praised PULSE for a fantastic performance EXTSY just nudged them with their original material.

As winners, EXTSY will open the main stage at the Solihull Summer Festival to prepare the crowd for headliners RONAN KEATING, SCOUTING FOR GIRLS, THE FEELING AND DENISE VAN OUTEN.





BILLY STAIT year 13

Billy played the role of Lumière in Disney's Beauty and the Beast at The Artrix in Bromsgrove, with Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society. Well done!

GRACE TAYLOR year 13



Grace has received recognition in the Theatre Whippet reviews for her portrayal of Matron Mama Morton in Chicago at the Lichfield Garrick theatre in September. A quote from the review said: Grace Taylor's Mamma Morton, the prison matriarch who fleeces her flock for all she can, is a commanding presence throughout,

JACKSON FRYER year 10



Jackson has just finished playing the principal role of the loveable and suave character 'Bugsy' in Buggy Malone the Musical for Quarry Bank Youth Society in September. He loved every moment of performing this role in 4 shows and is now looking forward to rehearsing for his next role as 'Corey' performing alongside Eastenders star Ricky Groves and X factor finalist Amy Lou in the panto The Little Mermaid.



SOPHIE BULLOCK **year 12**

Sophie has been working with the Birmingham Film Festival and video'd for their promotional campaign.

BETH WINSPEAR year 13



Beth played Roxie Hart in Chicago at the Lichfield Garrick for Lichfield Musical Youth Theatre for 6 hugely successful shows.

AVA GRACE ROBINSON **year 10**



Ava Grace won 2nd place out of a section of 23 dancers at the Move It Shake it dance competition in Solihull in June. Ava Entered the 13-18 Lyrical dance competition. Well done Ava.



FINN SUTTON year 12

Finn and his band outside of school won a recording session at a local recording studio at Battle of the Bands at The Roses Theatre Tewkesbury as part of Tewkesbury Live music festival.





ROSIE BROOKES **year 12**

Rosie was selected as one of four violin soloists from the three counties to play in Vivaldi Four Seasons at Nature Sings concert in Worcester Cathedral as part of the Three Choirs Festival. Rosie played "Summer".



Zadie Beschi, Gracie Drain, Eliza Tall, Euan Barnby, Connie Graham, Holly Lines, Neve Matthews, Toby Foetu-Foster, Loiuise Heard, Rose Clancy, Maggie Reilly, Sophie Clarkson, (years 10-13)

Performed at the Sutton Coldfield Town Hall in SCMYT's production of Footloose. The incredible show was headlined by Rose Clancy as Ariel and Euan Barnby as Willard. All students gave fantastic performances to standing ovations every night. Well done to you all!





EFFIE LENNON **BALLARD year 10**

Effie had a busy summer rehearsing and performing for 3 shows. She was cast in National Youth Music Theatre (NYMT) Project “Crescendo” as a soloist and performed at The Other Palace on London’s West End. She then played Miss Honey in Matilda with Kristian Thomas Company. All whilst rehearsing to play the Artful Dodger in Oliver at Derby Theatre in October!

EZMI SMYLE year 12



Ezmi Smyle performed on board MSC Virtuosa, she performed over one week in four separate performances supporting the professional cast onboard.

EVIE MANN year 12



Evie played Matron 'Mama' Morton in the Leicester Theatre Group's performance of Chicago at the Sue Townsend Theatre in Leicester. She stepped in after the previous person playing the role dropped out and had just a week of rehearsals to learn the part.

REUBEN SOUTHALL year 10

Reuben played a lead role (Javert) in Les Miserables with Stourbridge Operatic Society's Youth company. They did 6 shows across the first week in July and Reuben absolutely smashed it, with standing ovations every night



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IZZIE WHICHELLO year 12

Izzy Whichello will be performing in the adult ensemble for Solihull's premier production of Rock of Ages staged at Bushell Hall (Solihull School) from October 31st - November 3rd. Tickets are still available



MOLLY BENSON year 12



Molly is playing the lead in Elf the musical in Nuneaton

GINNY SEABURY year 13



Ginny Seabury Y13 played her dream role as Anne Boleyn in Six Teen Edition at The Brewhouse in Burton with East Staffordshire Youth Theatre. Sell out shows with an amazing talented cast.

A big well done, so proud



LIBBY ROBINSON year 12

Libby performed in Giselle with the English Youth ballet on 6th and 7th September at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. She was cast as one of Giselle's friends and was chosen to do the pas de deux with the male principal dancer.

MEGHAN EARLY year 10



Meghan passed the audition for the Belgrade Theatre Xmas pantomime in Coventry - Dick Whittington

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ABI KELLY

year 12

In January Abi sent in a video audition to Move It Shake It events. Over 495 dancers applied and she was one of the 45 dancers to open the even in Disney Animal Kingdom Florida in August 2025.



2025

ISLA-ROSE REID-LEONARD year 11

Isla-Rose was nominated by her dance school EDA for the most hard-working dancer award with Move it Shakes it Events. At the awards evening on 6th September and Isla-Rose won the award! Her family are so proud of her and so are we at BOA. Well done Isla-Rose.





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HARRISON ENO **year 11**

Harrison played Grantaire in Les Miserables at Stourbridge Town Hall with Stourbridge Amateur Operatic Youth Society from Wed 3rd to Sat 6th July.

JOSEPH HALLAM **year 10**

Joseph landed the lead part in Coventry YOG production of 'Everybody is talking About Jamie', which will be performed in early November

EVIE O'MALLEY **year 11**

Evie once again had the fantastic opportunity to be apart of the The Stage Experience at the Alexandra theatre where she was lucky to be the role of Louisa in The Sound of Music. Evie had the best time playing this role and the show was outstanding



TREVANEE MENDEZ year 10

Trevanee has gone on ITV and has recently got his songs played on radio stations in Atlanta, New York and London and has performed in front of the mayor of Wolverhampton

MARINA HOLMES SMITH year 13

Marina has passed her Grade 7 Musical Theatre Singing exams

IMOGEN EDWARDS year 10

Imogen played Marty the Zebra in the Get Your Wiggle On Production of "Madagascar Jr" at Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury during the Summer holidays.

She also passed UWE Musical Theatre Grade 5 with Distinction, in addition to LAMDA Grade 4 Acting, also with distinction.



Thank you to everyone who has sent in their achievements. It has been wonderful to hear from you all and help to celebrate your children's success. If you would like to contribute achievements to the next Spotlight Newsletter, please send in the information via the MS Form. You can use the link below or the QR code attached to access the form.

Ms. Beschi (Student Champion Lead)

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