

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS



Shining a light on student achievements ✨

At BOA, learning doesn't end at the academy gates. Our students are not only committed to their studies—they're also developing passions, building new skills, and achieving incredible things beyond school.

Student Spotlight celebrates these moments. Each edition highlights the talent, dedication, and achievements of our young people, from sport and performing arts to community work, creative projects, and personal milestones.

We're incredibly proud of everything our students accomplish, and we can't wait to share more of their inspiring stories with you.



Ethan's band Illuminal has had a busy month, performing three paid gigs in Sutton Coldfield, as well as shows at the Rainbow and a local charity event. As lead guitarist, vocalist, and band manager, Ethan has played a key role in their growing success.

This August, the band was invited to perform at the Lemmy Lives event in Burslem—where the artist who sculpted the Lemmy statue even created a custom logo for them.

Ethan Q.

Year 13, Music Performance Pathway



George H.

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway



George has recently completed his fifth professional show contract, starring as the lead male child, Young Matt, in the world premiere of *13 Going on 30*. He also appeared on Manchester news to help promote the show.

Having worked with George on previous projects, the tutors were amazed at the progress he has made since joining BOA. They were particularly impressed by his dedication and focus during tutor time, demonstrating the hard work and commitment that continue to drive his success both on and off stage.



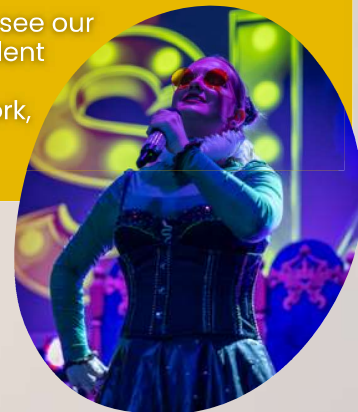
Paige D.

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Paige recently starred as Anne Boleyn in *Six with Five Star Theatre* at Benn Hall, Rugby, on 25th and 26th October 2025.

Across three sell-out shows, she delivered an outstanding performance full of sass, energy, and attitude, captivating audiences throughout.

We are incredibly proud to see our students bringing their talent to stages beyond BOA, showcasing their hard work, dedication, and passion.



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Ziame S.

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway

Ziame recently appeared live on CBBC's Saturday Mash-Up! on 25 October 2025, performing an original song that he wrote and helped choreograph.

His performance was full of energy and confidence, providing a fantastic opportunity to showcase his creativity, songwriting, and performance skills on national television.

Building a strong profile as a young performer, Ziame has over 95,000 followers across social media and has also featured with Kidz Bop UK.

He continues to develop his acting, singing, and musical theatre skills through his training at BOA, demonstrating remarkable dedication and talent.



Zack recently auditioned for the Birmingham REP Seniors Youth Theatre Company and was successful in securing a place.

He now attends rehearsals every Saturday, working directly with professional theatre-makers to create high-quality performances.

We're excited to see where this opportunity will take him as he continues to develop his acting skills and passion for the stage!

Zack W.

Year 13, Acting Pathway



Freddie V.

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway

Freddie has had an incredible few months, achieving success both in the UK and abroad. After winning the Musicat "Heal Your Heart" Jingle Competition, judged by renowned artist Maxi Priest, Freddie travelled to New York — where he recorded in the studio with Maxi Priest and was invited to perform on stage alongside him, a truly unforgettable experience.

While in New York, Freddie was also offered an animation voice-over role for an upcoming Musicat TV project, showcasing his versatility across performance and media.

Back home, Freddie's talent and dedication have continued to be recognised. He was awarded Best Breakthrough Artist at the National Entertainment Awards, and his extensive fundraising and community work earned him a Highly Commended recognition at the BBC Make a Difference Awards.



Casey M.

Year 10, Music Performance Pathway

Casey has secured the role of Host 'Kim' in The Great British Bake Off: The Musical with Smile MYT, set to be performed at Dormston Mill Theatre this coming January.

We are excited to see Casey bring her talent and energy to the stage in this fun and highly anticipated production!



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Blunder is a four-piece band formed in high school, with three members — Christopher L, Joe C, and Levi H — currently studying on the Year 13 Music Pathway at BOA. The band has already built an impressive performance record, playing gigs at venues such as the O2 Institute Birmingham, Muthers, and The Rainbow in Digbeth. In September, they also performed at the Belbroughton Festival and regularly play open mic nights at The Spotted Dog.

Blunder co-write all of their music and perform frequently, continually developing their sound and confidence. They are now preparing to release their debut EP, Blunder Will Rule the World. We're proud to celebrate the achievements of this talented group as they continue to grow and represent BOA beyond the classroom.

Joe C, Christopher L. & Levi H.

Year 13, Music Pathway



Joseph M. & Kaiya O.

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway & Year 11, Dance Pathway

We're delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Joseph and Kaiya, who both received distinctions across all areas in their recent Ballroom and Latin Gold Bar and Gold Bar 1 examinations—the highest marks possible.

Their success doesn't end there. Joseph and Kaiya were also the top scorers in the entire dance school, earning them the prestigious prize shield, an award previously held by dancers who have gone on to perform on Dancing with the Stars.

A huge congratulations to both students on this remarkable accomplishment!



Layla F. & Lyra H.

Year 11, Acting Pathway & Year 11, Musical Theatre Pathway

Layla and Lyra recently had the incredible opportunity to perform in a Young Performers Musical Theatre production on the Shaftesbury Theatre stage in London's West End.

Taking to such an iconic stage in October with their performing arts academy was a fantastic achievement, and we're incredibly proud to see them showcasing their talent at this level.



Livvy recently played the role of Rusty in Birmingham Youth Theatre's production of Footloose The Musical, performed at the Crescent Theatre in July 2024. A fantastic achievement that showcases her growing confidence and talent on stage — well done, Livvy!

Livvy. O

Year 11, Acting Pathway



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Lucia L.

Year 13, Acting Pathway

Lucía has achieved a Distinction with a perfect score in her Grade 7 Musical Theatre singing exam, performing four contrasting songs that showcased her range, character, and stage presence. She also earned a Distinction in her LAMDA Grade 8 Speaking, Verse & Prose exam — a true testament to her talent and dedication.

Over the summer, Lucía took part in an intensive rehearsal schedule with The Alexandra Stage Experience, performing in four sold-out shows of West Side Story at The Alexandra Theatre. Cast as one of the Shark girls, she was given the iconic solo "Somewhere", which received high praise from reviewers, including Birminghamfest and BRMB Radio.

A remarkable achievement — well done, Lucía!



Hudson M.

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Hudson recently achieved a fantastic milestone, securing the lead role of 'Bernardo' in West Side Story with Stage Experience at The Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham this summer.

The show received rave reviews, and Hudson's performance as a lead was a standout moment.

Following this success, Hudson was also offered — and accepted — a full scholarship at Italia Conti on their Emerging Talent Programme, Musical Theatre strand, beginning in September. We're incredibly proud of his dedication, hard work, and the exciting opportunities he continues to achieve.

Millie W.

Year 13, VAD Pathway

Over the summer, Millie was commissioned by GJ Wisdom Auctioneers to design and paint a gavel for the Wild in Art Gavel Trail. Her piece, titled "A Lot of Wisdom", is currently on display at the auctioneer's offices in Kent and will be auctioned in November.

All proceeds from the auction will support The Brain Tumour Charity, The National Brain Appeal, and the International Children's Palliative Care Network — a wonderful opportunity for Millie to use her artistic talent to make a real difference.



Motionhouse



Bailey T.

Year 12, Dance Pathway

Bailey has successfully auditioned for Motionhouse Youth and has been accepted onto the programme. This is an exciting opportunity for her to further develop her dance skills and gain experience with a renowned company, building on the talent and dedication she continues to show at BOA.

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Mia R.

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Mia recently achieved a Distinction in her Grade 7 LCM singing exam, scoring an impressive 97/100. With her dedication to private singing lessons and continued training at BOA, Mia is demonstrating remarkable talent and commitment to her musical theatre journey.



Effie recently performed in the world premiere of the brand-new Turner & Warden musical *Lightning Boy* with NYMT at the Birmingham Hippodrome in August. She was then invited to workshop another new musical during October half term at ArtsEd, London, further developing her skills and experience.

In addition, Effie has been selected to join the NYMT Young Readers Panel, collaborating with a small group of peers and the Head of New Work to assess the suitability of new projects for future NYMT productions. A fantastic opportunity to be involved at the forefront of new musical theatre!

Effie B.

Year 11, Musical Theatre Pathway



In July, Amelie starred as part of the Chorus of *Medea* with Birmingham Rep. The Young REP Seniors' adaptation of this ancient Greek tragedy ran for two nights as part of the 'Home and Horizons' festival, bringing Euripides' timeless story of love, betrayal, and consequences to life.

Amelie's performance contributed to the powerful ensemble work, helping to create a compelling and emotive production. It was a fantastic opportunity for her to develop her acting skills.

Amelie D.

Year 11, VAD Pathway



WEST END Calling



Sienna-Lily O.

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Earlier this year, Sienna-Lily auditioned for *West End Calling*, a nationwide singing competition. After progressing through heats in Birmingham and Manchester, she reached the final at The Arts Theatre, Leicester Square. Judged by current West End stars, Sienna-Lily received excellent feedback and was awarded 2nd place overall – an incredible achievement!

We are so proud of her talent, dedication, and the hard work she continues to show at BOA.

Tessy H.

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway



Tessy has successfully auditioned and is currently performing as Young Bonnie in the professional production of *Bonnie and Clyde* at the Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham. She is having an amazing experience, learning constantly, and enjoying every moment with the talented cast and creative team, led by director Emily Susanne Lloyd.

Tessy has also received wonderful support from BOA, with three fellow Musical Theatre students and her teachers, Miss Meller and Miss Jones, attending to cheer her on. A fantastic achievement – well done, Tessy!



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Milan attends Top Box Studios and recently performed in two shows, including Tamatoa in Moana Jr, earning praise in a NODA review. Her performance was described as incredible, and she shone on stage throughout.

She is also part of their upcoming Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production in February and recently auditioned for The Wizard of Oz, continuing to build her experience and confidence as a young performer.

Milan R.

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway



Lily. K

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Over the summer, Lily starred as Urleen in Footloose at the Swan Theatre, Worcester. She delivered an outstanding performance, earning rave reviews, and also appeared on the radio to promote the show, impressing audiences with her confidence and professionalism.



A fantastic achievement — well done, Lily!



Eleanor F.

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway

Eleanor received praise for her performances in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, starring as Mrs Bucket and also appearing as an Oompa Loompa.

Her talent, energy, and versatility shone throughout the production!



Oliver M.

Year 12, Music Pathway

Oliver has been selected to perform at The UK Drum Show on 19th October 2025 in Liverpool, the UK's premier event for drummers, featuring only the top players from around the world. He was chosen by a judging panel in recognition of his exceptional talent.

In addition, Oliver's band, Red By Night, are working with two-time Grammy Award-winning producer Mike Exeter (of Black Sabbath) and are performing gigs regularly across the UK. A fantastic achievement and testament to his dedication and skill!



LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL



Rosie has enjoyed an exciting term of achievements. Over the summer, she played Violin 1 for NYMT's production of Carousel in August — an open-air performance featuring a real carousel in the heart of Birmingham.

More recently, she starred as Elle Woods in Theatre Factory's production of Legally Blonde Jr, delivering a brilliant performance and showcasing her versatility as a performer.

Rosie B.

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway



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Havana S.

Year 11, VAD Pathway



We are delighted to celebrate Havana, who was selected as a finalist in the RBSA Young Artist's Competition this summer.

As part of this fantastic achievement, her artwork was showcased in an exhibition at the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists, a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to her creativity and talent.



Shaylan K.

Year 10, Music Pathway



We're delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of Shaylan, who has recently reached an impressive milestone in his musical journey.

Shaylan has successfully passed his Grade 6 Piano Exam with the LCME exam board, scoring an outstanding 87% – Distinction. This brilliant result reflects the dedication, discipline and passion he brings to his piano studies.

He has worked incredibly hard, putting in countless hours of practice to develop his technique and musicality. It's always a joy to hear Shaylan play, and we're incredibly proud of everything he has achieved.

A huge congratulations to Peyton who has successfully secured a role in this year's Sleeping Beauty pantomime at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her hard work, dedication and talent.

Peyton L.

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway



We're delighted to share that Peach has secured a role in the Leamington Spa Pantomime, Peter Pan with Imagine Theatre Group.

Peach is performing as part of the ensemble, with the show running from 5th December to 4th January.

A fantastic achievement – well done, Peach!

Peach M.

Year 10, Acting Pathway



Seren M.

Year 10, Acting Pathway



At the end of September, Seren took part in Lichfield Musical Youth Theatre's 40th Anniversary production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Garrick Theatre, Lichfield.

Seren loved performing as an Oompa Loompa, bringing energy, fun, and character to the stage. A fantastic achievement—well done, Seren!



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Maycie-Lou C.

Year 11, Dance Pathway

Congratulations to Maycie-Lou, who successfully auditioned for the Belgrade Theatre Christmas Pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*.

She will be performing as part of the Junior Chorus, a wonderful opportunity to gain experience and shine on stage this festive season.



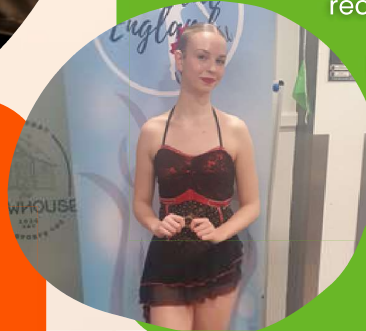
Demi has had a fantastic year, continuing her training in Ballet, Modern, Tap and Theatre Craft, where she is already working at Advanced 1 level across all disciplines. She also competes in several dance festivals annually and recently won the highest mark in Modern at her latest event.

Over the summer, Demi was one of only five students selected by performer and adjudicator Jon Clayton to travel to London and support him in a practical teaching examination — a brilliant opportunity and recognition of her talent.

Despite managing a challenging time at home, Demi has shown outstanding dedication, and her hard work continues to shine through.

Demi F.

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway



Daisy H.

Year 10, Dance Pathway

Daisy recently starred in Derby Youth Musical Theatre's production of *Joseph at Derby Theatre*, which received 5-star reviews and was described as fabulous!

She also successfully auditioned for Tom Shilcock Training Academy and competed in the M&M Dance Festival at Bridgnorth, where she was awarded the overall winner trophy for her age group.

In addition, Daisy continues her training with Emil Dale Associates on Sundays and has recently been signed by the Alan Sharman Agency, marking another exciting step in her performing journey.

Daisy also won the award for Best Intermediate Dancer at the M&M dance competition.

Well done Daisy!



Alfie T.

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

We are delighted to celebrate Alfie's fantastic achievement over the summer. He took on the pivotal role of Reverend Shaw Moore in WODYS' (Worcester Operatic & Dramatic Society Youth Section) production of *Footloose*.

The show ran for a full week in August and played to a packed auditorium every night, with Alfie delivering a mature and compelling performance in this demanding role.

A brilliant accomplishment — well done, Alfie!

