

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.



Ruby C

Year 12, Acting Pathway

Ruby voiced the character Remi in the BBC animated production **Pudsey and the Thread of Hope**, adapted from **Tom Fletcher's** bestselling book.

The project aired on BBC on Christmas Eve, with Ruby also attending the official premiere in Leicester Square after gaining professional voice-acting experience through this national BBC and **Children in Need** production.



Holly C

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway

Holly successfully auditioned to become a member of the **D-Day Juniors**. She now tours nationwide with the D-Day Darlings, performing at concerts across the country and gaining fantastic experience performing for live audiences.

A brilliant achievement — well done, Holly!



This term, Kaiya competed at Champions of Tomorrow, achieving an incredible 3rd place in her first teacher-student event.

She then became **Ballroom Champion at the City of Birmingham Platinum Points Day**, also placing highly across all Latin sections.

Amazing work Kaiya!

Kaiya O

Year 11, Dance Pathway

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Jackson F

Year 11, Musical Theatre Pathway

Jackson secured the role of the teenage prince in this year's professional pantomime **Sleeping Beauty at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre**, enjoying every moment with the talented cast.

He also earned associate membership with Emil Dale Academy, receiving intensive Musical Theatre training each month.



George has been nominated for the first-ever **WhatsOnStage Children's Award for Best Child Performance** for his role as Young Matt in **13 Going on 30!**

A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone who supported him during the show.



George H

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway

In January, Livvy played Goldilocks in **Goldilocks and the 3 Bears** with Birmingham Youth Theatre at **The Crescent Theatre**.

The traditional pantomime, full of slapstick and popular songs, played to full houses and received rave reviews, showcasing her confidence, energy, and stage presence.

Well done Livvy!

Livvy O

Year 11, Acting Pathway



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Jessica S

Year 13, Acting Pathway

Jessica recently achieved a Distinction in her Grade 7 Solo Acting **LAMDA** exam and is now preparing to take her Grade 8, continuing to develop her skills and talent.

Well done Jessica!



Jack G

Year 13, Acting Pathway

& Sophie T

Year 11, VAD Pathway

Jack and Sophie both performed in **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** with Birmingham Youth Theatre in January. Jack received the Audience Award and Sophie was awarded the Alan Hackett Cup, celebrating their fantastic performances.



Millie M

Year 12, Music Technology Pathway

Millie has been busy writing and performing her own music as **LLD**, DJing at private events, and now running her own events. On 30th December, she promoted **Next Wave at Centrala**, Digbeth — a sell-out night for 15–20 year olds featuring teen bands, DJs, and karaoke.

Another sold-out gig took place on 13th February, and more to come over Easter, showcasing Millie's creativity, leadership, and passion for music.



Ruby made her professional pantomime debut in **Cinderella at Loughborough**, performing from late November to 4th January. Selected as Team Captain, she played a key role in a production with no adult ensemble, appearing in numerous dance numbers and supporting scenes throughout. Ruby's achievements in 2025 also include **bursary placements at two dance festivals, winning highest mark Song & Dance Solo at Do It Dance Festival**, and taking home multiple awards at the **Star of Stars bursary final**.

She was named **Dancer of the Year at First Stage Dance and Theatre Academy**, receiving a full-year scholarship and the opportunity to perform a solo in the Academy's 30th Anniversary Dance Show this July — a fantastic recognition of her talent, dedication, and hard work.

Ruby A

Year 10, Year 10 Musical Theatre



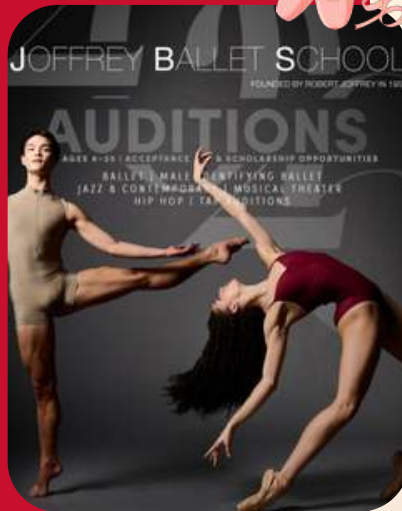
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Grace T

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway

Grace auditioned for **Joffrey Ballet Contemporary & Jazz at CYD** last October and has been offered a full-time four-year Trainee Dancer place in New York, with the option to defer for a year to finish her studies.

She is also performing as part of the ensemble in **LYMT's Fame at Lichfield Garrick** in March, building her experience and confidence through her training at Valentine Theatre School.



Molly performed as Young Sleeping Beauty in this year's Wolverhampton Pantomime **Sleeping Beauty**, sharing the stage with Danny Beard and other stars.

Molly B

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway



Lily G

Year 12, Dance Pathway

Lily danced back in January at His Majesty's Theatre, London, in the West End for **London Gotta Dance 2026**. She performed with her group, Stafford Sports and Performance Academy, in front of a full audience.

Josh S

Year 13, Acting Pathway



Josh has been offered a place on the Acting degree course at **Guildford School of Acting (GSA)**, a fantastic achievement and a well-deserved opportunity to continue developing his talent. We are all incredibly proud of his dedication, hard work, and the exciting next step in his performing arts journey.

Big congratulations Josh!

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Ellie H

Year 10, Music Pathway

Ellie plays rugby for the Old Yardliens Vixens as a tighthead prop and has been selected to play for the **North Midlands County Rugby team**. Out of 90 scouted players, she progressed through multiple try-outs to earn her place on this elite squad, joining a select group of players – some of whom have gone on to play for the Red Roses. A massive achievement, showing her determination, strength, and commitment on and off the field.



Grace successfully auditioned for **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Theatre Royal Nottingham**, playing Violet Beauregarde during October half term – her third time performing at this prestigious venue. She has also secured the lead role of Scaramouch in KTCo's We Will Rock You and is currently enjoying rehearsals for this exciting production.

Grace H

Year 10, Acting Pathway

Sophie A

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway

Sophie had two very different successes this term!

She was cast in the **Amazon Original Film Evil Waits 2**, enjoying the experience of filming despite a rainy day on set, and also played Mommy Bear in the pantomime **Goldilocks at The Crescent Theatre**, showcasing her versatility and talent across screen and stage.



Haydn has secured his first professional role in an educational short film produced by Real Direction UK with West Midlands VRP, **Pooja Kanda**, and the **James Brindley Foundation**.

The film highlights the signs of young people becoming involved in harmful behaviours, including knife crime.

Hadyn L

Year 12, Acting Pathway

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Lexie J

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway

Lexie recently played Susan Miller in **Calamity Jane** with Starcross Theatre Company over half term, performing four shows at **Wolverhampton Arena Theatre**.



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Ruby A

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway

Ruby had an outstanding week at her recent dance festival, moving into the competitive 15/16 age category and delivering exceptional performances. She achieved **1st place in Song & Dance Solo, Modern Solo, and Acro Solo**. Her Modern Trio **received the highest mark in the Senior Trio category** (ages 15–21), and her Classical Character Duet was selected for the Festival Showcase as one of the standout performances.

To top it off, Ruby was awarded the Adjudicator Award for exceptional talent, artistry, and stage presence, highlighting her versatility as a performer in dance, acro, singing, and acting. A truly remarkable achievement!



Hugo achieved a Distinction in his Grade 8 Drums exam, a fantastic reflection of his dedication and musical ability.

He also entered the Zildjian Young Drummer of the Year 2026 competition and was selected as a **Top 40 finalist**, an impressive achievement in a highly competitive national contest.

Hugo J

Year 11, Music Pathway



Ava C

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Ava has successfully secured a principal role in **The Hills of California** at Sutton Arts Theatre, her fourth production with the company.

This exciting role marks a change from her usual musical theatre performances and will be her final production before beginning her studies at **Italia Conti** in September.

Jack M

Year 12, Acting Pathway

Jack played Augustus Gloop in the Christmas production of **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** at the **Playbox Theatre**, Warwick. Performing across 12 sold-out shows after seven months of rehearsals, he showed remarkable dedication, confidence, and teamwork, bringing charm and energy to a comedic and memorable role.



Katie K

Year 11, Musical Theatre Pathway

Katie has been representing the **UK** in her reign as the **National Junior Miss**, showcasing her talent, poise, and dedication on a national stage.

Well done Katie!

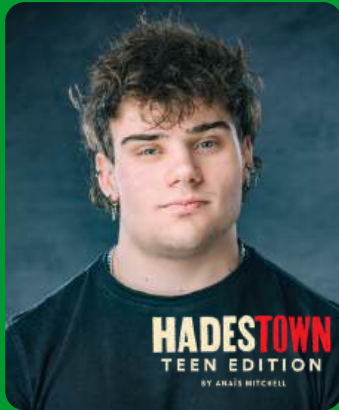


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Reuben S

Year 13, Acting Pathway

Reuben successfully auditioned for the role of Hades in **Hadestown** with **Stourbridge Amateur Operatic Youth Society**. He is now in rehearsals for the production, which will run from 2-4 July at Stourbridge Town Hall.



Matilda F

Year 13, Dance Pathway

Matilda was cast as Anybodys in **West Side Story** at The Alexandra Theatre, a production that received 5-star reviews.

She also completed the Future Teachers dance course, qualifying as a dance teaching assistant and supporting younger dancers in their classes, while continuing her training with upcoming LAMDA Gold Acting and LCME Music Theatre exams.

Congratulations Matilda!



Before joining the academy, Jake performed as Baby John in **West Side Story** at The Alexandra Theatre with Stage Experience.

This term he has also secured roles as Lucas in **The Addams Family** at **The MAC** and Emmett in **Legally Blonde** at **Bedworth Civic Hall**.

Jake M

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway



Joe C, Christopher L & Levi H

Year 13, Music Pathway

BOA student band **BLUNDER** recently performed at a gig at Muthers in Digbeth, organised by fellow BOA students and featuring several student bands.

Since then, the band have also released their single **TV Static Girl**, continuing to grow their presence and develop their sound.

Want to submit your success story?

Our Principal Mr Chattaway will reach out to all parents and guardians towards the end of the Summer Term as we collate the last **Spotlight on Success** for the 25/26 term.

Email all entries to principal@boa-academy.co.uk.

We're excited to hear your stories.

