

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

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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.

Emily J

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway

Emily recently starred as Brenda in **Hairspray – The Broadway Musical at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre**, performing across seven sell-out shows in front of nearly 4,500 theatregoers. The production received 5-star reviews, giving Emily another fantastic opportunity to showcase her outstanding singing, dancing, and acting talents while continuing to build on her impressive musical theatre experience.



Mia R

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Mia recently played the role of Johanna in **Sweeney Todd with Nottingham Arts Youth Theatre**. Performing in this challenging production was a fantastic opportunity to showcase her acting, singing, and stage performance skills.



Leyton Y

Year 11, Music Pathway

Leyton has achieved a Distinction in his Grade 8 Guitar exam, a fantastic accomplishment that reflects his dedication, musical talent, and hard work. A brilliant achievement—well done, Leyton!



Layla has achieved a Distinction in her Grade 6 **LAMDA exam**, receiving outstanding feedback and remarkable comments from the examiner. A fantastic achievement that reflects her dedication, hard work, and growing performance skills.

Layla F

Year 11, Acting Pathway

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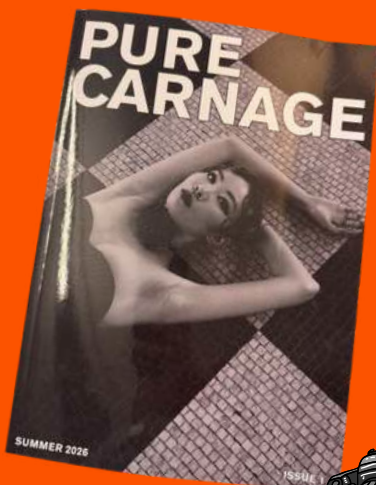
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Gabriela T

Year 12, Visual Art & Design Pathway

Gabriela recently modelled for **Pure Carnage Magazine** as part of its Frock Tails photoshoot. This exciting opportunity allowed her to showcase her creativity and confidence while gaining valuable experience working on a professional fashion shoot.



Fin D

Year 12, Games Design & New Media Pathway

Fin has been selected to represent Warwickshire at Under-18 level after progressing through every stage of the qualification process. Having played for Earlsdon RFC since the age of eight, he earned his place as a tighthead prop at the first attempt, showcasing his dedication, determination, and talent on the rugby field.



Skye has achieved incredible success in cheerleading, becoming a two-time World Champion representing Team England, a **World Championship silver medallist**, and an **NCA Champion** in Texas. She was also recognised as one of the UK's top 50 cheer athletes for four consecutive years and will **represent Team England for a fourth time at the World Championships** in Florida. A fantastic achievement that reflects her dedication and talent.

Skye H

Year 10, Dance Pathway



Ava recently competed in the **Worcestershire Competitive Arts Festival**, where she was awarded 1st place with Honours for her verse performance. She was then invited to perform at the 2026 WCAF Diamond Concert, where she received the trophy for the Best Verse Performance across the entire festival – a fantastic achievement that highlights her talent and dedication.

Ava H

Year 10, Acting Pathway



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Paige D

Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Paige has enjoyed a busy few months performing with Five Star Theatre in Rugby. She appeared as Fille de la Ville in **Beauty and the Beast** in March and most recently took to the stage as Urleen in **Footloose** at Benn Hall. These productions have provided fantastic opportunities for Paige to continue developing her performance experience and showcase her musical theatre talent.



Laci T

Year 11, Music Pathway

Laci has reached the final of the **Let It Be Live** Rockstars competition after delivering an outstanding performance at the Leamington heats.

She will now perform in the final at HMV Empire Coventry on 2nd April, a fantastic achievement that reflects her talent, confidence, and hard work.



Pearl H

Year 12, Social Media Design Pathway

Pearl joined the social media team at **Silhillians Rugby Club** in October 2025, where she has been filming, editing, and creating digital content throughout the season. As her confidence grew, she also stepped in front of the camera to present post-match interviews with players and the head coach, gaining valuable real-world media experience.

She has continued supporting the club during the off-season by producing content for charity fundraising campaigns and has been invited to remain with the team for the new season, taking on an even bigger on-camera role. A fantastic achievement that demonstrates her creativity, professionalism, and ability to put her BOA learning into practice.

Amelia recently performed the role of Witch 3 in All and Sundry's production of **Macbeth**, staged in the atmospheric Guesten Hall at Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove. Her performance received outstanding praise in the local press, with reviewers describing her as "absolutely outstanding!" — a fantastic achievement and a testament to her talent and hard work.

Amelia B

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway



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Colette D

Year 13, Dance Pathway

Colette has been selected to represent **Team England at the Global Dance competition in San Sebastián**, where she will perform three solo routines on the international stage.

This incredible achievement is a testament to her hard work, talent, and dedication, and marks a fantastic way to round off her time at BOA before beginning her training at Bird Conservatoire in September.

Congratulations, Colette!



Millie M

Year 12, Music Tech Pathway

Millie has enjoyed continued success with AFTERWAVE, the live music event she created for 16–19 year olds in Digbeth. Having already organised four sold-out events, each attracting more than 100 attendees, she has brought together teenage bands, DJs, and karaoke to create a unique space for young people to enjoy live music.

The next AFTERWAVE event takes place on 21st July at Centrala to celebrate the start of the summer holidays, featuring five DJs, including several BOA students. A fantastic achievement that showcases Millie's creativity, leadership, and passion for music and event management.



Lily recently took on the iconic role of Morticia Addams in **The Addams Family** with Leicester Theatre Group at the Sue Townsend Theatre in Leicester. Sharing the stage with fellow BOA student Jacob, who played Gomez Addams, Lily delivered a memorable performance, showcasing her confidence, stage presence, and musical theatre talent.

Lily & Jacob D

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway
& Year 13, Musical Theatre Pathway

Gracie R

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway

Gracie has been cast as Jane Seymour in **SIX: Teen Edition**, which will be performed at the Highbury Theatre from 30 June to 4 July. Securing a principal role in this hugely popular musical is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful opportunity to showcase her musical theatre talent. Congratulations, Gracie!



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Ruby C

Year 12, Acting Pathway

Ruby has continued to build an impressive portfolio of professional work this year. She features on the album *Home Coming* by international singer-songwriter **Toby Grey**, providing backing vocals on one of the tracks, with the album available across major music streaming platforms.

She was also selected for an **international advertising campaign for Kenvue's o.b. brand**, travelling to Lithuania for a three-day filming shoot. The campaign has since been launched across several European countries, giving Ruby valuable experience working on a major international production. A fantastic achievement that highlights her versatility and growing success across both music and screen.



Homecoming



Demi F

Year 12, Musical Theatre Pathway



Despite aggravating an old toe injury in the lead-up to the **Cannock Dance Festival**, Demi showed incredible determination by continuing to compete.

Refusing to let her teammates down, she delivered an outstanding set of performances, winning five medals across the weekend: **Bronze** in Lyrical, **Gold** in Classical Duet, **Silver** in Acro, **Gold** in Modern Duet, and **Silver** in Classical Trio.

A fantastic achievement that reflects her resilience, dedication, and passion for dance.



Ayla recently took part in three events at the **Leamington Spa Competitive Festival** and achieved 1st place in the 13–15 age group acting solo category. Performing a piece from *DNA* by Dennis Kelly, she showcased her acting talent, confidence, and dedication — a fantastic achievement.

Ayla K

Year 10, Acting Pathway

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Amelie B

Year 12, Dance Pathway

Amelie has been crowned **IDTA Miss Dance of Great Britain** at a huge event in Blackpool recently.

Amelie competed in 1 of the 56 heats over the country within the past year, and qualified in the Triple Threat Productions heat last summer. The winner of each heat is fortunate to go through to the final of the IDTA Miss Dance of Great Britain at The Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

Amelie performed in round one of 56 performers, which was judged and taken down to the top 12 for the semi-final. She then had to perform again and was chosen for the top 6 performers. One final performance and Amelie was then crowned the 2026 Miss Dance of Great Britain Winner.

There were a number of judges at the event including James Pullum, Aaron Lissimore and Amanda Restell who all have significant input into the IDTA Awards and dance across the country.



A group of BOA Dance Pathway students from Year 10, Year 11, and Year 12 will be representing Team England at the **Dance World Cup in Dublin** this July. Mia, Libby, Dulcie, Elizabeth, Heidi, Elise, and Lacey, who all train together at EJB Dance Company, will take to the international stage as part of this incredible opportunity.

The students bring a wealth of experience and passion for dance to BOA, continuing to develop their skills both inside and outside of the academy. Our Year 12 students have also been putting their creativity into practice through their own choreography, which will feature in the upcoming Year 10 show Battle of the Bands.

We wish them the very best of luck in Dublin and look forward to celebrating their achievements when they return!

Mia, Libby, Dulcie, Elizabeth, Heidi, Elise & Lacey

Year 10, 11 & 12, Dance Pathway



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Demi F

Year 12, Dance Pathway

Demi and Bella recently achieved a fantastic result, winning the trophy for the **highest mark in the Senior Classical Duet** category. This outstanding achievement is a wonderful recognition of their talent, dedication, and hard work in dance.



Emily has written and professionally recorded her own **first debut single** "Never 2 Much" which was released on Saturday 4th July 2026 under her stage name '**Emelushka**'.

The single will be available on all the major streaming platforms, including Spotify, Apple Music & Amazon Music. This is an excellent opportunity for Emily to showcase her songwriting and singing talents, as a solo artist, in her musical style of UK Garage & House music.

Emily is also planning to record a music video to help promote her new single, so stay tuned for that.

Emily J

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway



UK DANCE AWARDS 2026



Izzy V

Year 12, Dance Pathway

Izzy has been selected as a finalist for **Outstanding Young Dancer** at the **UK Dance Awards**!

This prestigious category recognises exceptional young dancers who demonstrate outstanding talent, commitment, work ethic, and potential for the future – all qualities Izzy continues to showcase through her dedication to dance.

Since progressing through Years 10 and 11 at BOA, Izzy has continued to develop and excel in her craft, taking part in a range of opportunities including performances, conventions, and open events.

The UK Dance Awards are judged by an independent panel of professionals from across the UK dance and education sector, with finalists recognised for their excellence, impact, and achievements within their category.

The awards ceremony will take place at the De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms in London on Sunday 4th October 2026. We wish Izzy the very best of luck!

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Daisy H

Year 10, Musical Theatre Pathway

Daisy has enjoyed an incredible run of success this summer, competing at the **Kings Summer Festival of Dance** across three weekends in June and July. She came away with **an impressive 26 medals across her musical theatre, vocal, and dance performances**. After winning both the Character and Contemporary Solo sections, she was invited by adjudicator Carrie Ellis to perform in the bursary final, where she was awarded the trophy for Most Promising Performer (15 – 16 years).

She is also currently rehearsing for **Shrek at Derby Theatre**, where she is understudying Fiona while also performing as Mama Ogre, one of the Three Blind Mice, a tapping rat, and as part of the ensemble. To top off an outstanding few months, Daisy has been invited to join the Tom Shilcock Mentorship Programme, where she will receive specialist dance and performance training throughout the year.

A fantastic achievement that reflects her dedication, versatility, and talent.



A big thank you! 🙌

A huge **thank you to everyone who submitted Spotlight on Success entries throughout the 2025/26 academic year.**

It has been incredible to celebrate so many inspiring achievements, from professional performances and sporting success to academic accomplishments and creative milestones. Every story has highlighted the passion, dedication, and talent of our students, and we couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved both in and out of the academy.

These fantastic successes are a true reflection of our amazing students and the opportunities they embrace. They prove that **BOA really is the place to be.**

Congratulations to every student featured this year – we can't wait to see what you achieve next!

Have a fantastic summer.

We can't wait to hear about even more amazing achievements next academic year, so keep sending us your Spotlight on Success stories. Whether it's on stage, on screen, in the studio, on the sports field, or anywhere in between, we love celebrating everything our incredible students accomplish.

See you in the next academic year for another year of success stories!