



PRESS RELEASE

School Grease Production a Sell-Out Success

Sir William Robertson Academy's 2016 school production of Grease which ran for three nights before Christmas was a resounding success and a sell-out well ahead of its opening night. More than 85 pupils from years 7 through to year 13 were cast in their version of the hit musical and film which they have been rehearsing for since September. Key parts were played by Ewan Armstrong, Year 11 (from Newark) as Danny, Katharine Bradford as Sandy (Year 12 from Coleby), Jake Stamp as Kenickie (Year 11 from Navenby), Harriet O'Leary as Rizzo (Year 12 from Caythorpe), Jack Fawkes as Roger (Year 11 from Newark), Rebecca Dwane as Jan (Year 12 from Welbourn) and Jake Shaw as Sonny (Year 11 from Newark). The cast included pupils from all year groups and featured some fantastic sets and scenery including the famous car. The production was been put together by SWRA's Performing Arts and Music Department and led by Miss Bryony Burrough, Head of Drama and Mr Mike Willson, Head of Music.

Miss Burrough and the cast members also organised a fun Grease workshop tour around the primary schools in early December. The workshops involved Year 5 children at four different primaries including Welbourn Primary, Caythorpe Primary, Witham St Hughs Academy and Bassetts Primary School, who were visited by 14 cast members from Grease for a drama workshop. They even treated them to a performance of several songs from their musical 'Grease'. The workshops included more than 100 pupils during the one day tour with Caythorpe Primary and Witham St Hughs Academy Primary coming along for a special day time performance of the show on Wednesday 14th December before the show launched that evening.

The show received fantastic reviews on his Facebook page with comments including: "We attended the production and yet again, a fantastic show. Everyone should be so proud – well done!"; "Absolutely brilliant first night!"; "Fabulous show tonight! Brilliant performances from everyone involved, loved it!"; "Great show, congratulations to all pupils, staff, helpers – parents loved it!"

Miss Burrough commented: "Thank you to all of the students for making the show such an enjoyable experience for myself, Mr Willson and Mrs Jex. There is so much talent at SWRA and the students have made us very proud. We are all looking forward to next year's show already."

Grease is the 1978 American musical romantic comedy film directed by Randal Kleiser and was based on the Warren Casey and Jim Jacobs' 1971 musical of the same name set in a 1950s high school. The original film starred John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

Sir William Robertson Academy, judged as Ofsted 'Good' in all areas, offers comprehensive education for 11-18 year olds. The school is quite unique with its safe, rural location between the villages of Welbourn and Leadenham in Lincolnshire but easily accessible from Lincoln, Grantham, Sleaford, Newark and surrounding villages.

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Grease Drama workshop at Witham St Hughs Academy





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