



Croydon High School

for girls aged 3-18

YEAR 10 PERFORM AT THE ASHCROFT

The Shakespeare Schools Festival runs throughout October and November, giving over 1,000 schools the opportunity to perform at one of over 100 theatres on over 300 performance nights. It really is an exceptional opportunity, not only to perform, but also to see other students from both primary and secondary schools from the area share their interpretation of one of Shakespeare's masterpieces. Two months after first seeing the 30-minute abridged script of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, 15 of our Year 10 Drama students performed at the Ashcroft Theatre on Monday evening to a highly appreciative audience. It was fantastic to be performing on "home turf" this year, and the story of murder, magic and drunkenness was performed with creativity, inventiveness and enthusiasm by our talented girls. Leading the cast as Prospero, Verdah Sheikh gave a convincingly authoritative performance, supported most ably by Sharada Patel as the mischievous Ariel, and Canice Screene as the island creature Caliban. Jennifer Cairns and Venus Singh provided some outstanding moments of comedy with their interpretations of Trinculo and Stephano, with Rheanna Thomas-Grant and Safiyyah Choudry ably presenting the blossoming love between Ferdinand and Miranda. Piya Varma and Temi Alao performed the ambitious Antonio and Sebastian with real flair and they were admirably supported by Rhea Patel as Gonzalo, Yasmin Lloyd as Francisco and Jessica Grant as Alonso. The physical creation of the storm itself, led beautifully by Leah Watkins, India Patel and Shivani Patel, was a real highlight, with many audience members commenting on the success of this opening scene. What an experience! Miss Austen and Mrs Webb left the theatre feeling extremely proud of the focus, determination and skill displayed by our girls. CHS really do it best! We can't wait to see what next year brings!



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