

PRESS RELEASE

'St Catherine's girls' production takes flight on giant peach'

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St Catherine's Prep School girls have been waiting with great excitement to share an evening of adventure and make-believe, as they roll away for a *gnormous* journey from the English countryside to NYC, on a fantastic peach.

Year 6 girls at St Catherine's Prep School have been inspired by James' daring, leadership, courage, teamwork and friendship in this classic by Roald Dahl.

In preparation for this performance the students in Year 6 at St Catherine's Prep School have risen to the challenge of discovering, applying and developing a broad range of skills. Every year, the school aims to find ways of extending the girls' contributions so that they continue to feel greater autonomy over the process and the final product. So many of them have wowed us with their commitment and capabilities, as they have independently choreographed and taught dance; improvised ideas for choreography; designed and made props and posters; sung; played musical instruments; as well as challenging themselves to improve their acting skills. *"It is a joy to watch them work together and this sense of a community collaborating, is one of the most notable aspects of our process."* Mrs Bennett.

"Music and Drama at St Catherine's come together to create a memorable and dynamic experience that the pupils will remember for the rest of their life; a testament to the power of the creative arts working together." Mr Matthew Blunt, Head of Prep School Music.

Alex, aged 11, said, 'I've found that being involved in the school production, I have learnt how to express my emotions in front of an audience. Initially, I was unable to show my feelings but gradually, I began to get caught up in the moment.'

Anna, Ottilie and Evie, all aged 11 have really enjoyed taking on the choreography of the first dance of the production. Although they all learn dance within school, to teach others within the year group has been a new and challenging experience.

Isabelle, aged 11, commented that, 'Since being involved in the production, I have found an inbuilt confidence to perform in front of an audience, this wasn't natural to me at first. I now really enjoy getting immersed in the character of 'Aunt Sponge''.

Anna, aged 11, added, 'I have found it really rewarding and creative to bring out all the character traits of 'The Ladybird'. I added my own props and gestures and reactions to bring the character alive.'

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