



# Drama Department News



## Inverleith Youth Theatre New Productions!

**Halloween Special 31<sup>st</sup> October**



**Junior Youth Theatre** are busy preparing for a truly terrifying **Halloween Special**, Tickets will go on sale soon. The junior group is now meeting on **Fridays from 1.00pm – 2.30pm in the Drama Studio**. **If you would like to join the junior group (S1-2), see Mrs Wyman.**

**Intermediate Youth Theatre** are in the early stages of rehearsing and preparing for a series of scripted plays by Philip Ridley including:

***Fairytale Heart***

and

***Sparkleshark.***



This series of plays will be performed in Broughton High School Theatre in June 2013. Participants will create/source all the set, props, costume,



posters and tickets themselves as well as performing in the plays!

The Intermediate group is now meeting on **Fridays from 2.30pm – 4.00pm in the Drama Studio**. **If you would like to join the intermediate group (S3-4), see Mrs Wyman.**

**Senior Youth Theatre** will shortly be beginning to prepare a scripted performance from a piece of contemporary Scottish Theatre. Watch this space to find out what and when!

**The senior group meets Thursdays 3.30-5.00pm. If you would like to join the senior group (S5-6) see Mrs Wyman**

## **The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk**

Catherine Wheels Theatre Company visited Broughton on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September with their superb play, *The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk*.

**Pondlife McGurk  
Was a troublesome child  
Some called him stupid  
Some called him wild  
But all called him Pondlife  
For that was his name**



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*The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk* is about the danger of lies, and asks is it ever possible to repair the damage caused by a lie.

The Drama and English departments joined together to provide the opportunity for most S1 students to see this intelligent piece of Scottish children's theatre before it embarks on a tour to Australia and America.

## Theatre Trips

**S5/6 Creative Industries** will shortly be visiting Queen Margaret University Theatre department and will benefit from a tour of the facilities and a Q & A session with the Head of technical courses, Scottie Anderson.



**S4/5 Standard Grade/Higher** students are going to see ***The Authorized Kate Bain*** by Ella Hickson by the amazing GridIron company on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October.



**Higher** students are also going to see ***Iron*** by Rona Munro on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## Drama Dept Courses



**S1** students have been working on *Team Building and Creativity skills* using a range of Drama techniques including improvisation, mimed action, configuration, freeze frame and narration. After October break, they will begin the *Storytelling Unit*, exploring *The Changeling Child* and *Grandfather's Tale* through Drama.

**S2** students have just completed the *Parliamo Broughton* unit and have been created a Broughton News Show in comedy style using Scots language translation. Their next unit is *Fantasy and Reality*, exploring absurd theatre and using new techniques including flashback and monologue.



**S3** drama students have been working simultaneously on *Improvisation Skills* and *Character Study*, developing skills in characterisation with awareness of directing and performing. Their next units will be *Structuring Drama* and *Theatre Arts*.

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**S4 Standard Grade** have started working on their prelim Drama project and are working collaboratively in small groups to devise a play for presentation, based on a chosen stimulus. Preparation for the *Knowledge and Understanding* exam paper in November will also begin soon with targets set for improvements since the general exam last month.

## S5

**Higher Drama** students presented their *Vignettes* to an invited audience on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October as a culmination of their first unit of their course. Each student devised their own short play as writer and director. Each student also performed in each others plays. We also welcomed back one of our former pupils Cailan Campbell, who having now completed his technical theatre course at Telford College, returned to give us technical support with lighting and sound for the performance.



**Creative Industries** students have just completed unit one of their course *An Introduction to Creative Industries*, where they investigated what the Creative Industries are and what skills and abilities are required to work in the sector of their choice. The students have been invaluable in their help and support of the Higher shorts. They put their developing knowledge of the industry to practical use by creating posters, tickets, assisting with lighting and sound, managing Front of House and helping strike and set the stage. They are also embarking on the ambitious project of managing the departments costume store!

