

Bedford Free School at the Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama 2018

Here at BFS we enjoy celebrating our student's successes and over last week we have had several take part in the Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama held at the Corn Exchange. Beginning on Sunday 4th of March and culminating in a gala on Sunday 11th March, our students took part in several of the categories.

Sunday 4th March saw Hannah Bailey and Charlotte Fryc-Wixted compete in the Musical Theatre category and Lizzie Lowe compete in the Piano Solo category for Year 10-11s with Charlotte winning the trophy for 1st place for her Musical Theatre performance.



Hannah Bailey,
Musical Theatre Performer
(Y10-11)



Charlotte Fryc-Wixted,
Musical Theatre Winner
(Y10-11)



Lizzie Lowe
Solo Piano performer

Tuesday 6th March saw our highest represented day of the event with 5 students participating. Our Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Dramatic Solo category and in the words of Miss Damon our Drama teacher "Although none were placed in the top three they came away smiling and really proud of themselves and they are winners to me!"

From L to R - Orla O'Callaghan, Sathya Sankar, Precillia Mukumbi, Athena Gallagher and Isha Gilbert.



Thursday 8th March saw Hannel Mohan Kumar compete in the Electric Guitar solo and Milly Hackett representing BFS in the Dramatic Solo for Year 7-8s. There were 16 competing in the Dramatic Solo and although not a finalist, Millie gave a strong performance. Huge congratulations to Hannel who won the Electric Guitar solo performance category.



Millie Hackett
Dramatic Solo (Y7-8) performer



Hannel Mohan Kumar
Electric Guitar Solo, Winner

Friday 9th March was the second appearance for Athena Gallagher who competed in the Musical Theatre category for Year 8-9s. Although sadly not placed in the top three her performance was outstanding and made everyone who knows her extremely proud.



Athena Gallagher Musical Theatre performer (Y8-9)

Saturday 10th March, moving in to the weekend saw our final two competitors. Ruth Bailey represented us in the Shakespeare Solo for Year 8-10s category and Seth Oraeki performed his GCSE composition. Unfortunately, Ruth was not placed in the winning group but again in the words of Miss Damon “oh my life she was amazing”. Seth won his category and was later invited to compete in the Gala on Sunday along with Charlotte Fryc-Wixted.



Ruth Bailey, Solo Shakespeare Performer (Y8-9) Seth Oraeki, GCSE Composition Winner

Out of the 1200 performers in the whole festival only 19 are chosen to compete in the gala. Charlotte and Seth were chosen to compete in the Singing category along with one other singer for the 'Woodfine, Lousada Challenge Cup and Charlotte took the top prize.



(L-R) Miss Goodship, Seth Oraeki, Charlotte Fryc-Wixted and Miss Damon
At the Gala.

A special thank you to Miss Goodship and Miss Damon for their hard work in preparing and supporting our students during the festival and a very well done to all our students who took part and gave their very best. We're proud of you.

To keep up to date with performing arts at Bedford Free School then follow our twitter page:
[@BFSdrama_music](https://twitter.com/BFSdrama_music)