

PERFORMING ARTS NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

2017/18



Past Productions

2006/07	The Wizard of Oz
2007/07	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
2008/09	The Permanent Way
	The Sound of Music
2009/10	Attempts on her Life
	Hamlet
2010/11	Art
	Alice in Wonderland
2011/12	Lord of the Flies
	Musical Theatre Extravaganza
2012/13	Metamorphosis
	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
2013/14	After Juliet
	The Twits
2014/15	An Inspector Calls
	Grease
2015/16	A Doll's House
	Grimm Tales
2016/17	Woyzeck
	We Will Rock You

Welcome

to the 2017-18 season of

performances at Northampton High School. The months ahead bring a busy programme showcasing the array of talent in both junior and senior school. The exciting events include song, dance, poetry, debating, plays, musicals and storytelling; in fact, performing arts in abundance!

The autumn term kicks off in style with a modern adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe's, *The Fall of the House of Usher* and entitled, **My Sister Madeline**, staged in a promenade style in Usher's Art Gallery. This is closely followed by The Senior Drama Company's rendition of a Shakespeare classic, **The Winter's Tale**. The **House Storytelling** is an uplifting occasion where we see the new Upper Thirds work with the older years to produce a visual interpretation of a well-known children's story. As Christmas approaches, the Early Years and Key stage 1 and 2 present a variety of festive delights and the school orchestra, choir, bands and groups give us a chance to sing along to much loved carols in our annual **Christmas Concert**. **House Plays** and a **Celebration of Giving** assembly closes the year.

The New Year showcases the practical examination work from the GCSE and A Level Drama and Music candidates, as well as running the heats of the **Young Musician of the Year** competition. A **debating experience** led by Noisy Classroom will arouse and enthuse Year 6 pupils from local schools and the **summer concerts** and of course the **Junior Production** are not to be missed. To round off the academic year, our **Arts Festival** is running for a week to celebrate the wealth of talent and all that is artistic and creative in our school. The week will culminate in the much anticipated Senior School Musical, **The Sound of Music**.

All of these exciting and varied events are produced by a dedicated team of staff including specialist academic teachers and over fifteen peripatetic instructors who offer expert extra-curricular tuition to all pupils wishing to follow a performing arts discipline. I really hope that you enjoy browsing through the upcoming events and it will be a pleasure to welcome your company. If you would like to attend any of the shows, then please contact admin@nhs.gdst.net in the first instance. Our Theatre Department motto is Dream, Believe, Achieve and with this jam packed year of opportunities, it is no wonder our brilliant pupils make this a reality.

I look forward to seeing you very soon!

Clare Care

Director of Theatre

Tuesday 26 September 2017 2pm

The Theatre

Cirque la Nouba!

The culmination of the Creative Arts enrichment activity day, with short performances inspired by Cirque du Soleil show, La Nouba! Drama, movement, drumming and piano feature in these short pieces and performers adorn the masks that they have made.



Wednesday 4 October 2017 5pm

Drama Studio

My Sister Madeline

A Level Drama and Theatre Studies candidates present a modern adaptation of 'The Fall of the House of Usher', using the physical theatre company, Frantic Assembly as a practitioner influence. The piece is staged as a promenade performance, leading you through Usher's gallery.

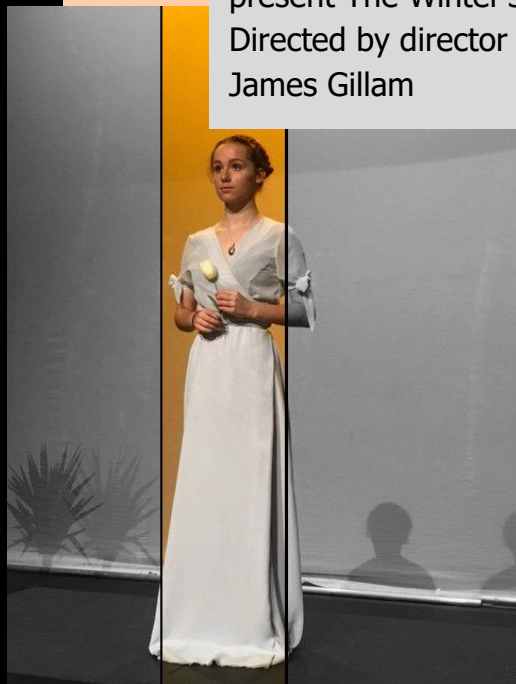


Tuesday 17 October 2017 7pm

The Theatre

THE WINTER'S TALE

The Senior Drama Company
present The Winter's Tale.
Directed by director in residence,
James Gillam

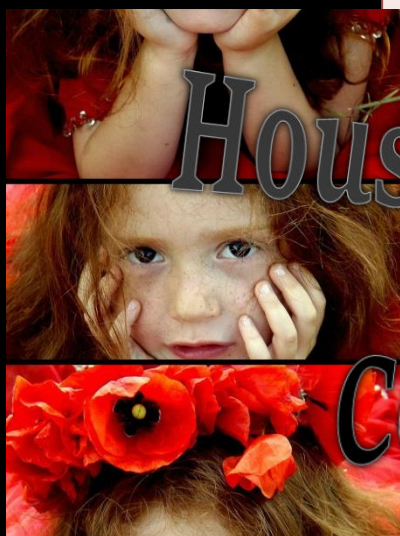


Friday 20 October 2017 9am

The Theatre

House Storytelling Competition

Artemis, Demeter, Hestia and
Selene present their stories on
stage showcasing the talents of
upper third pupils.



Breakfast Time

Wednesday 22 November 2017 9am

The Junior School Hall

An informal breakfast time concert for girls who are taking a music exam this term.



Wednesday 29 November 2017 7pm

The Theatre

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

An opportunity to sing carols and enjoy a selection of Christmas music performed by the School's orchestra, choirs, bands and groups.



Wednesday 29 November 2017 11am

Thursday 30 November 11am

Junior School Hall

A King Is BORN

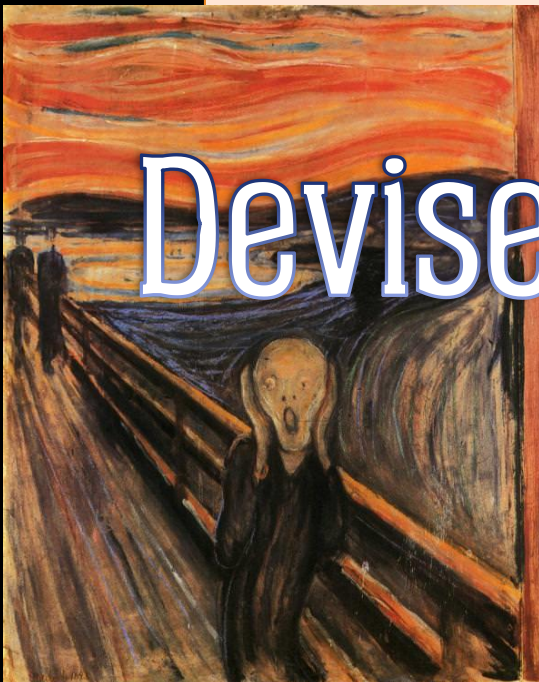
A Christmas show
presented by
Nursery and
Reception girls



Tuesday 5 December 2017 11am

Friday 8 December 2pm

The Drama Studio



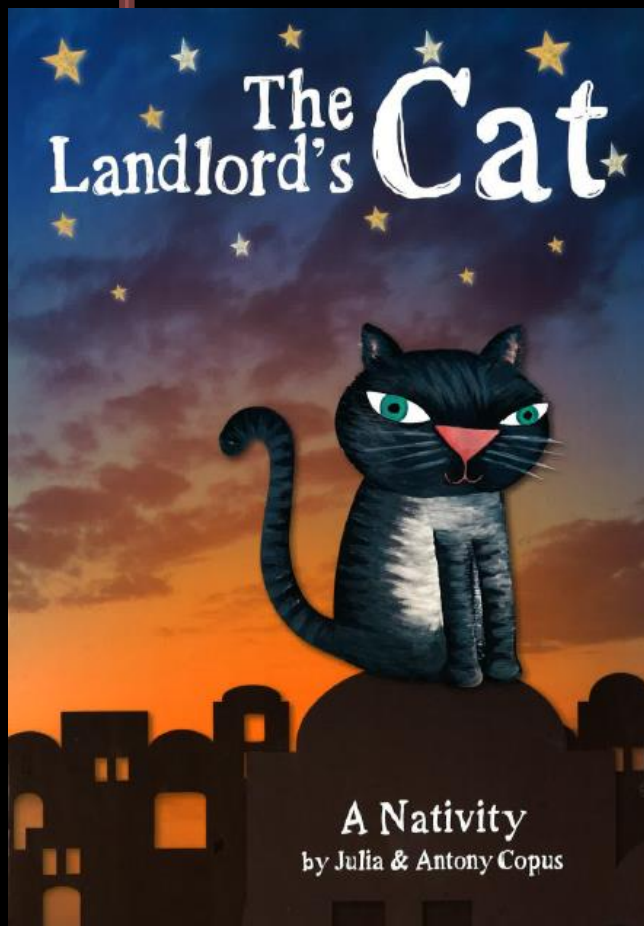
Devised Theatre

An informal showing of L5 GCSE
Drama Component 1 Devised
Performances based upon three
stimuli – a song named 'These
Tears' by Nik Kershaw, a poem
called 'How to Pour Madness into
a Teacup' by Abigail Morley and a
painting of The Scream by Edvard
Munch.

House Carol Competition

Wednesday 6 December 2017 All day event

Throughout the Junior School. Year 5 girls compose their own Christmas carols. Points go towards the house music cup awarded at the end of the school year.



Thursday 7 December 2017 2pm

Junior School Hall

Key Stage 1 present an entertaining performance of 'The Landlord's Cat' by Julia and Antony Copus.

Witnesses

Tuesday 12 December 2017 7pm

The Theatre



Copyright Out of the Ark

Years 3 and 4 supported by Years 5 and 6, along with the choir, present this festive themed performance of 'Witnesses' by Margaret Carpenter.

Wednesday 13 December 2017 2pm

The Theatre



CELEBRATION OF GIVING

This is a formal assembly held on the last day of the autumn term. This event features guests linked to charities and celebrates the School's dedication to benevolence. Carols and readings add gusto to the occasion.

Wednesday 13 December 2017 9am

The Theatre

HOUSE PLAY COMPETITION

Artemis, Demeter, Hestia and Selene present their 30 minute adaptations of a popular play on stage, showcasing the talents of all senior dramatists.



Young MUSICIAN of

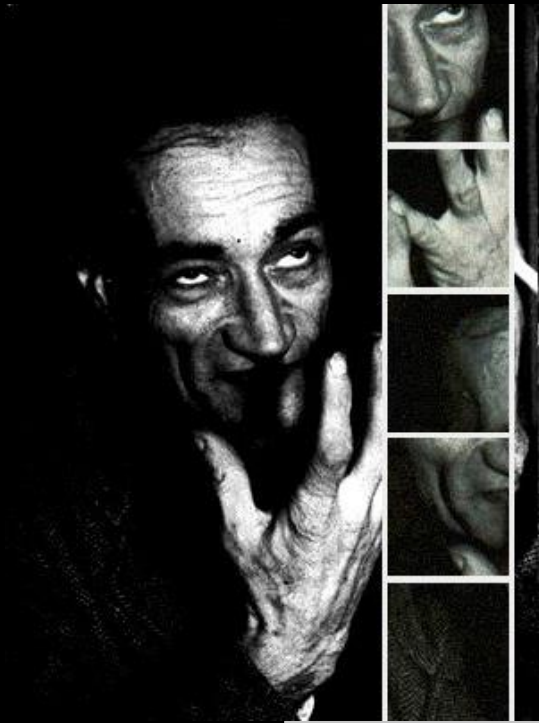
The YEAR HEATS

Monday 22 January 2018 7pm

The Theatre

The most promising musicians from each year group will compete for a place in the GDST nation-wide competition.





Monday 26 February 2018 9am

The Drama Studio

U5 GCSE Drama candidates perform an original piece of theatre based upon a given stimulus. They have used various practitioner methods, including Stanislavski, Brecht, Artaud and Frantic Assembly, along with approaches to devising, to structure their work.

Devised Theatre

Monday 5 February – Friday 9 February 2018

All day event

Throughout the Junior and Senior school

Music Open Week

Parents are invited into school to visit their daughter's individual music lessons.



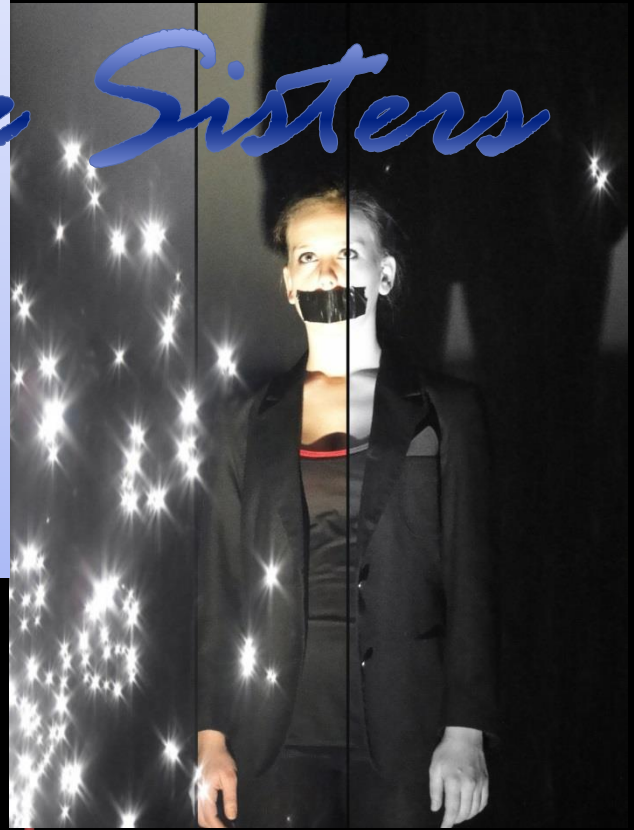
Thursday 8 March 2018 5pm

Drama Studio

The Donahue Sisters

Component Two A Level Practical Examination

A Level Theatre Studies students present a short adaptation of The Donahue Sisters by Geraldine Aron. This is performed in the presence of a visiting examiner from Edexcel. The performance will be preceded by selected monologues.



FIVE Kinds of Silence



Wednesday 21 March 2018
5pm

Drama Studio

Component Two GCSE Practical Examination

GCSE Drama students present their key scenes from hard hitting play by Shelagh Stevenson, Five Kinds of Silence. This is performed in the presence of a visiting examiner from Edexcel.

Friday 23 March 2018 9am

The Theatre

House Singing

The four Houses battle it out to win the trophy for the best arrangements of two selected songs.



OUT OF THIS WORLD

Thursday 26 April 2018 7pm

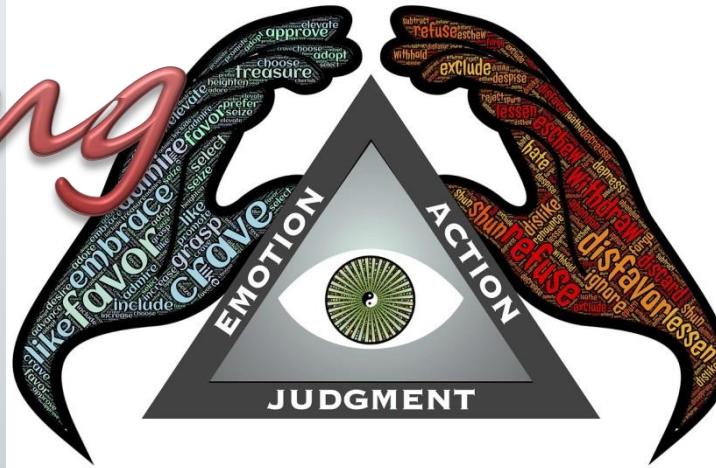
The Theatre

A evening of music showcasing all the extra curricular music groups in the Junior School including our two choirs, brass, guitar and string groups, piano club, flute choir, orchestra and jazz band. As well as each group performing on their own everyone will join together to play and sing an arrangement of Moon River by Henry Mancini

The Junior School

Debating

An outreach debating project led by Noisy Classroom involving local school pupils from years 3 to 6.



Thursday 28 June 2018 7pm

The Theatre

Classical Music Recital

Mrs Arkell, teacher of Music, will host a recital featuring the school's most promising classical musicians.



Arts Festival

25th – 30th June

LITERARY EVENING



Celebrate a week of all that is artistic and creative at Northampton High School

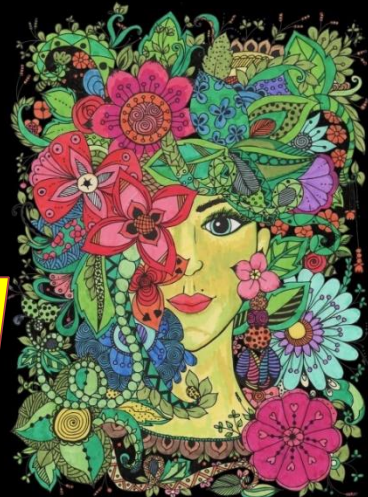


MUSIC RECITAL



MUSICAL

ART EXHIBITION





Thursday 28 – Saturday 30 June 2018 7pm

The Theatre

THE *SOUND* OF *MUSIC*

Thursday 28 – 2pm

Friday 29 – 7pm

Saturday 30 – 7pm

Join us for our whole school musical production of the much loved, The Sound of Music. This musical involves pupils throughout senior school and showcases their acting, singing, dancing and orchestral abilities.

Wednesday 13 June 2018 7pm

Thursday 14 June 2018 7pm

The Theatre



Junior Production

A much anticipated production for Years 5 and 6 as they showcase their talents in drama, music and dance.

DATES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Whats On</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
22nd September 17	Cirque La Nouba!	Theatre	2pm
4th October 17	My Sister Madeline	Drama Studio	5pm
17th October 17	The Winter's Tale	Theatre	7pm
20th October 17	House Story Telling Competition	Theatre	9am
22nd November 17	Informal Breakfast time concert	Junior School Hall	8am
29th November 17	A King is Born	Junior School Hall	11am
	Christmas Concert	Theatre	7pm
5th December 17	Devised Theatre	Drama Studio	11am
6TH December 17	House Carol Competition	Junior School Hall	2pm
7th December 17	The Landlords Cat	Junior School Hall	2pm
8th December 17	Devised Theatre	Drama Studio	2pm
12th December 17	Witnesses	Junior School Hall	7pm
13th December 17	House Play Competition	Theatre	9am
	A Celebration of Giving	Theatre	2pm
22nd January 18	Young Musician of the year heats	Theatre	7pm
5th-9th February 18	Junior Music Open Week	Theatre	All day
26th February 18	Devised Theatre	Drama Studio	9am
8th March 18	The Donahue Sisters	Theatre	5pm
21st March 18	Five Kinds of Silence	Drama Studio	5pm
23rd March 18	House Singing	Theatre	9am
26th April 18	Junior Summer Concert	Junior School Hall	7pm
23rd May 18	Debating	Junior School	All day
13th -14th June 18	Junior Production	Theatre	7pm
25th-30th June 18	Arts Festival	Various Locations	6pm
28th June 18	Classical Music Recital	Theatre	7pm
28th -30th June 18	The Sound of Music	Theatre	7pm



Dates and/or times may be subject to change. Please contact the school reception on 01604 765765 or email admin@nhs.gdst.net for current information and to reserve your seat.

Facilities Hire

An extensive range of our School facilities are available for hire to community, business or charitable organisations outside of the school day.

These include conference and performing arts facilities plus a wide range of sports opportunities including tennis, squash, badminton, fitness suite, fitness studio, dance studio, all weather pitch, netball courts and hockey pitches.

For more information contact us at nhsadmin@nhs.gdst.net or book online at

<https://www.northamptonhigh.co.uk/facility-hire/>



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