

NEWSLETTER



LE VOYAGE D'ALCESTE

On Tuesday, a theatre company from Belgium presented 'Le Voyage d'Alceste', a puppetry show, to our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils who are learning French. Pupils followed the journey of Alceste through Paris, discovering its famous sites and helped the characters through their incredible journey in the 'City of Love'. Year 8 also had the opportunity to take part in a drama workshop given by the actors during which they learnt how to write a mini-play in French, and act!

A special 'merci' to Year 10, Myles Davies and Samantha Coviello-Blinn for hosting and introducing the show, and to Year 12, Ben Lever and Beth Baines for helping with the workshop.

"It was great to be trusted to help out and to introduce the play in French and in English. I really enjoyed it. It was very cleverly put together! I will be making sure to include it on my UCAS form in a few years time!"

Myles Davies

"It was better than I thought it would be. The props were pretty clever. The play engaged the audience to help them learn. We even got to hear some Jacques Brel and Yves Montand classics as well as to rap in French!"

Ben Lever

"It was great to help Year 8. They had fun and were truly enjoying experimenting with French."

Beth Baines



FEEDBACKS ABOUT THE PLAY LE VOYAGE D'ALCESTE?

Teachers

It was so entertaining that the students from Y7 to Y10 were absolutely engaged throughout. The language was perfectly pitched and the rapport with the audience was lovely. It enabled the pupils to revise language and learn new words as well as get a great feel for francophone theatre, and to feel part of an enjoyable cultural walk through Paris! The stage design was perfect as was the music and interactive nature of the play. The energy and positivity of the actresses was wonderful.

Students:

I thought the puppet was amazing - it was so realistic!
 I really liked how interactive the performance was!
 I loved how the actor kept changing her role, by changing her clothes and voice, it was great!

WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE (THE SHOW AND THE WORKSHOP)?

Teachers

From the show we learnt about the magical art form of the puppet in theatre. The workshop was an eye-opener as it showed how easily our Y8 students could engage in drama in a foreign language. They really embraced the challenge and had a great time!

Students:

I learnt new words like 'parapluie'!
 I learnt about Paris landmarks and life in the capital.

The workshop was really fun, and I realised that I could do more in French than I thought I could do.

The workshop was great fun and entertaining, and we all got involved.

The actors were really kind and interesting and were keen for us to get our improvisations right, giving helpful feedback.

Francesca Modi
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