

# THE DRAMA MAGA-SCENE

Gateacre School Drama Department Monthly E-Mag

# WELCOME

TO YOUR 23RD ISSUE OF THE DRAMA MAGA-SCENE!

WE HAVE HAD THAT MUCH OF A BUSY START TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR HERE AT MAGA-SCENE HQ BUT WE ARE BACK AND READY TO SHARE ALL THINGS HAPPENING IN GATEACRE SCHOOL AND THE WORLD OF THEATRE FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024 AND WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE ON THIS WILD RIDE WITH US!

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF EXCITING THEATRE NEWS AS WELL AS EXCITING PROJECTS HAPPENING WITHIN THE SCHOOL, SO THIS ISSUE IS BURSTING WITH ALL THINGS POETRY, THEATRE & NOMINATIONS!

## Poets/Performers in the Spotlight

### GATEACRE'S VERY OWN STUDENTS



Thursday 28th September 2023 saw our 'Tale of Two Halves' evening. The first half being a poetry exhibition with our The Wandering Words Society poetry students showcasing their work. Performing in promenade, taking the audience around the school making for an incredibly immersive and powerful experience.

The second half of the evening is where our Year 11 cohort took over and WOWED our audience with their GCSE Devising Performances. Original pieces of theatre the world had never seen before, created by our very own students!

Here at Maga-Scene HQ we couldn't be more proud of the students we encounter who throw themselves into projects with full determination and confidence! Well done to all students involved for a great evening!

### WATCH OF THE WEEK

WATCH A HIGHLIGHT REEL OF THE POETRY EXHIBITION

BY SCANNING THE QR CODE HERE:



## PRACTITIONER PARTY

We've decided to reconnect with an old practitioner friend for this particular issue because our current Year 9 students are exploring the works of:

## JOHN GODBER



### Main Dramatic Theory:

- Imagination
- Elliptical language
- Character
- Transitions
- Social Commentary
- Comedy

Scan the QR code to watch a performance of **Bouncers** by the incredible **Malden Players**



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## The Devising Den



Our Devising task comes from our very own The Wandering Words Society. Gateacre School's poetry club which comes back in January 2024 so look out for posters!

**For this task we ask you to get out in nature!**

**That's it. Go for a walk.**

**Yes, we are serious!**

**Go for a walk/explore a place you have never been before, take note of your surroundings, look closer at things around you, think of the following:**

**What can you smell?**

**What can you hear?**

**What do you notice about something in particular?**

Write down a couple of lines for how this experience made you feel. If you feel like it, consider writing a short poem about your experience - send it in if you do!

# CELEBRATION OF THE MONTH

WE ARE CHANGING OUR CAREER OF THE MONTH THIS ISSUE TO **CELEBRATION OF THE MONTH** AS THERE IS A LOT TO CELEBRATE HERE AT MAGA-SCENE HQ!

Midday Thursday 28th September Gateacre School found out it had been shortlisted as finalists for the following awards:

- INNOVATIVE & CREATIVE LITERACY AWARD**
- OUTSTANDING ARTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL**
- MOST INSPIRATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL**
- CATHERINE CHAPMAN FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



# WHAT HAS BEEN SHORTLISTED?

## MOST INSPIRATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Gateacre School has made it to the finalist stage for Most Inspirational Secondary School. Even to be in this category feels like a huge moment of recognition for the incredible work that happens within our building. The award judges have said 'There is a major focus on mental health and wellbeing plus arts at Gateacre School. Involvement in Eurovision and Boat of Hope, along with a summer concert and a creative exhibition are all inspiring'.

## INNOVATIVE & CREATIVE LITERACY AWARD

The Wandering Words Society has been nominated for the Innovative and Creative Literacy award. The judges have said 'Welcome to the Wandering Words Society at Gateacre School in which creativity is king and students write poetry inspired by their surroundings. Students said they sometimes felt they were in different worlds'. What a lovely summary of the journey our young poets have been on. There is more to come from 'The Wandering Words Society' so watch this space!

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR - CATHERINE CHAPMAN

Mrs Chapman inspired generation after generation at Gateacre School for the last 17 years. This is a well deserved nomination and comes at a time when Mrs Chapman has put down her text books for reading books as she delights in her well earned retirement. "As well as students, Catherine Chapman from Gateacre supports staff too. Students love to show her what trophies they have won, so she can parade them around."

## OUTSTANDING ARTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Our Art, Music and Drama Departments are all included within this nomination due to the expansive opportunities each department give to our school community to express themselves! The judges have said 'Gateacre School has a wide range of arts activities that give students the chance to explore their own creativity but also reflect upon the wider world and collaborate with others to affect the wider community.'.

# THEATRE NEWS

## WHAT'S ON IN LIVERPOOL

**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY - THE MUSICAL**  
LIVERPOOL EMPIRE THEATRE  
8 - 26 NOV

**SHREK THE MUSICAL**  
LIVERPOOL EMPIRE THEATRE  
12 - 17 FEB

**DRACULA: MINA'S RECKONING**  
LIVERPOOL EVERYMAN  
24 - 28 OCT

**THE WIZARD OF OZ**  
LIVERPOOL EMPIRE THEATRE  
13 DEC - 7 JAN

**FRANTIC ASSEMBLY: METAMORPHOSIS**  
LIVERPOOL EVERYMAN  
17 - 21 OCT



IF YOU HAVE ANY AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US, SEND THEM IN! WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN UP TO IN THE WORLD OF THE CREATIVE ARTS!