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## Shakespeare Schools Festival

This year students from Nailsea School are taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The festival which has been running for 16 years, invites students from schools across the country to take part in a programme of events to support their understanding and enjoyment of Shakespeare.

The Shakespeare Schools Festival introduces young people to the excitement and discipline of theatre. Through live workshops and performance, it enables students to appreciate Shakespeare, to aim high and to take pride in their achievements.

Students went to the Trinity Arts Centre in Bristol to work with two professional Producers from the Shakespeare Schools Foundation in a workshop designed to improve their performance and understanding of Shakespeare. Students were trained by the actors to project their voices, use body language and facial expressions appropriate to their character roles and explore the depths of the story, themes and subtext of the play.

Twenty-six students are taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival, taking on numerous professional roles, performing or backstage, including producing, lighting and directing. The culmination of which will be a performance in a professional theatre, working alongside industry professionals and other schools also taking part in the festival.

Shakespeare scripts are used – having been especially abridged for the performance by the Shakespeare Schools Foundation. Nailsea School will be producing an abridged version of 'Midsummer Nights Dream'.

The students are working hard on learning their lines with extra-curricular rehearsals organised by Miss Hitchings, taking on board all that the workshops have taught them. The festival performance takes place at the **Tobacco Factory, on the 19th November** - and tickets are on sale now, call 0117 902 0344, or visit the Tobacco Factory website [www.tobaccofactorytheatres.com/whats-on/](http://www.tobaccofactorytheatres.com/whats-on/). Tickets cost: Adult: £9.75/ Concessions: £7.75 Special Group Discount rate: £6.50 for 20+ tickets.

It is hoped that after a successful event there, it will be showcased at Nailsea School in the new year.

Nailsea School is hugely grateful to the BlueSpark Foundation who have enabled the funding of this fantastic experience for our students and Drama department.

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