

Drama students go to London

On the crisp early morning of the 12th November, myself and my fellow Drama peers went on a trip to London accompanied by numerous other students taking Art and Critical thinking. Despite the early morning and long journey, morale remained high as the excitement for our first stop was evident amongst the chorus of chatter on the coach.

First stop, **Shakespeare's Globe theatre.**

Overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of the authentic rebuilding of the theatre many were left speechless, which isn't something that comes naturally to a group of teenage girls. After this initial architectural appreciation, we then embarked on our very own guided tour becoming immersed in various stories and facts, which make the Globe theatre so special, from the many famous actors who have performed there to the rather fascinating story of Shakespeare burning down the original globe. This visit to a building rich with architectural and historical background will remain an unforgettable experience.



After our edifying tour around the Globe we had conjured up somewhat of an appetite, which we satisfied with a quick trip to London's infamous China town followed by a trip to the theatre.

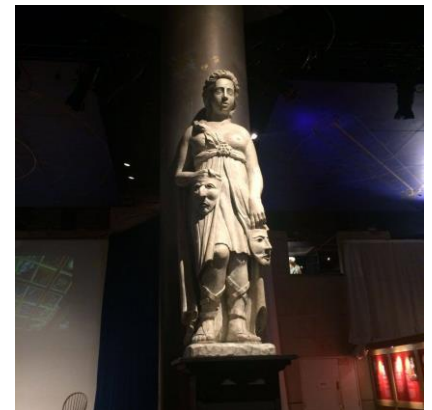
As a drama student, the main purpose of the trip was to watch a professional performance of **'The Curious incident of the dog in the night time'** a play which follows a young man named Christopher with Asperger syndrome who is accused of killing the neighbourhood dog. This simple synopsis does not do the play justice as the portrayal of the workings of Christopher's mind and his unique way of looking at life makes for an incredible play both linguistically and visually. You don't have to look any further than the futuristic staging of the play to appreciate how one of a kind this play is, plunging you into the mind of Christopher.

After this jam-packed day we all headed off to the comfort of the hotel for the night.

The next morning, greeted with a charming full English breakfast, we all headed off on a tour to be told some not-so- charming stories.



The 'Jack the Ripper' Tour. After a short coach journey to Whitechapel in the East end, we were greeted, along with the critical thinkers, with one of the world's most highly regarded experts and tour guides on the 'Jack the ripper' murders, Richard Jones. Richard guided us to all the murder sites of 'Jack's' victims, providing us with chilling stimulating knowledge of the murders and the backgrounds of the victims.



After this gripping experience the trip was topped off with a spot of Christmas shopping in Oxford Street followed by the dreaded journey time, although not tainted by its length as the enthused conversations regarding the events of the past two illustrious days engulfed the couch. A truly incredible trip.

