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Academy Awards Evening

Staff, students and their families celebrated in style at the Elizabethan Awards evening. Students in Year 11 to Year 13 received special awards for their hard work and commitment in all areas of achievement from Academic to the Performing Arts.

Faculty Leaders, Heads of House and the Senior Leadership Team paid tribute to the students through citations, speaking highly of their positive, determined and caring attitudes and how their dedication and hard work had paid off.

Post 16 Head Girl, Abigail Robinson, received the award for Notable Achievement. Abi has worked tirelessly on behalf of peers to ensure that the recent improvements seen at Retford Post 16 are maintained, and her efforts as part of the Centre’s fund-raising team mean that almost £1000 was raised for charity last term alone. Abi’s impressive CV means that she now has three unconditional offers from universities to study Environmental Science next year.

Daniel Whitt, who is now studying Physics and Astrophysics at Hull University, returned to collect his award for Outstanding Effort. Daniel is living embodiment of the maxim “you get out what you put in.”

Leonie Leeder won The Headteacher’s Award for Unique and Distinctive Achievement. Leonie, whose GCSE

results were the best in Bassetlaw in 2014, went on to achieve another set of excellent grades at A-Level, earning her a place at prestigious St Andrews University in Scotland to study History. Leonie must be one of a handful of people studying History at university who also have an A-Level in Physics. Her passion for History was evident, and her immense amount of wider reading gained her a place on a Summer School at Cambridge University during her time at Retford Post 16.

The Bob Hopley award for Unique and Distinctive Achievement went to Holly Harthill. Holly is a very modest young lady, but also a very talented one. She achieved the school’s best GCSE results in 2016, and is now studying Biology, Chemistry and Psychology at Retford Post 16. On winning her award, Holly said “it was massively unexpected, but it’s a huge confidence boost. I am really enjoying my time at Retford Post 16, and am hoping to study optometry at university in the future.”

Chair of Governors, Dr Derek Cheetham, congratulated students on their awards. He also paid tribute to the staff of the Elizabethan for their hard work and professionalism again this year.



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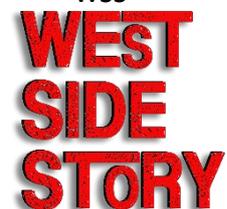
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TV Auditions

Year 9 student Connor Bell has just returned from an audition for one of Britain’s best soaps.

Connor first got the acting bug at the age of 7, when he joined a local theatre company, and since then has never looked back.

He has acted in many of his local theatre productions, being cast in several main roles including two lead roles to date.

Having only recently joined a casting agency, he has already had an audition for top TV soap Emmerdale and also has an audition for an up and coming new TV programme.

Connor explained how the casting agency also offered acting and audition skills workshops, which have really helped him.

Connor only transferred to us from

Outwood Academy Valley in September. He is currently studying both Drama and Music as GCSE options and also auditioned for a role in this year’s academy musical. “This is the first school production I have been involved in and I’m so pleased to be part of the main cast in West Side Story... it’s just brilliant.”



Connor says he has always been inspired by the quotation from Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa’s first female President: “If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough.”

Bassetlaw Youth Council @ Retford P16

The Bassetlaw Youth Council held their first meeting of the new year at Retford Post 16 this month.

This was the first time that our Post 16 Centre has hosted the Youth Council, and organisers we’re delighted with the turnout.

The main focus for the evening was on-line safety with an opportunity for young people to voice their opinions on this critical topic. There was also a focus on hate crime and what can be done to prevent the recent worrying increase in this.



BIBA

Retford Post 16 is proud to be hosting BIBA on Wednesday 8 March. No, not Justin... BIBA stands for Big Ideas Big Ambitions and is a massive careers event organised by Bassetlaw District Council.

Following the success of the event in Worksop last year, it is transferring to Retford in 2017. A number of big name employers have already signed up for the event, which will be open to the public from 5.00 until 7.00pm.



West Side Story

With rehearsals well underway and tickets selling like hot cakes... West Side Story is already looking to be another sell out production for the Elizabethan.

West Side Story is set in the Upper West Side in New York City, and explores the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs from different backgrounds who battle each other for territory in their neighbourhood. The musical is a modern day re-telling of the classic ‘Romeo and Juliet’ with Tony, the young protagonist and former member of the Jets, who falls in love with Maria, the sister of Bernardo, leader of the Sharks. Will their love prevail..?

The show is running for four evenings from Wednesday 1 March to Saturday 4 March. All seats only £6. Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment...

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