

# OUR SCHOOL



Produced by students of Jesmond Park Academy, Newcastle upon Tyne

## » School of Rock!

SCHOOL OF ROCK was our first school musical in many years, and it stirred a huge wave of excitement among students. This enthusiasm was clear from the number of people who auditioned, so many, in fact, that the show had to be double cast, leading to two full performances.

Our school is fortunate to have an incredibly talented Performing Arts Department. We were lucky enough to be accompanied by both the orchestra and the dancers, many of whom were also part of the cast. The collaboration between all areas of the department made the experience even more special.

"Performing in School of Rock was such a fun experience, and it was great to work with all areas of the Performing Arts Department. Since starting at Jesmond Park Academy, I've been part of seven productions, and I love that we're given such a wide range of opportunities," said Daisy, Year 9, actor and dancer.

Rehearsals took place every Thursday until 5pm, with additional lunchtime sessions for singing and scene work. The commitment from everyone was outstanding. Every single person involved gave it their all, from our first read-through to the final curtain call. Two of our musicians, Will and Idris, reflected on their experience in the orchestra: "Being in the orchestra for School of Rock was such a fun and inclusive experience, and we would be more than happy to be part of future musical productions."

Claire McGrath, teacher in Performing Arts, said "Our Performing Arts Department has truly come into its own this year. The development continues to grow. We're now proudly staging full musicals, taking part in the Heaton Shakespeare Festival, and celebrating our students' talents through our Dance Showcase and Music Recital."

I had an amazing time being part of School of Rock. It was truly great fun, and my favourite show we've ever done. It was the perfect way to close our first term, and we're all extremely excited for the performances to come.

**Freya (Actor and Dancer) (Year 10)**



Our article writing team: Zahra (Year 10), Talia (Year 12), Freya (Year 10), Harry (Year 8), James (Year 8)

## Dramatic Debating – Passionate Competition Goes To Tense Final

AFTER OVERCOMING DAME ALLAN'S in the heats of the previous debating competition, Jesmond Park Academy progressed to the semi-finals which were hosted at Newcastle University. They faced their next challenge of Newcastle School for Boys, who proposed the idea that "Stop and searches should be allowed without reasonable grounds". JPA opposed this and created convincing arguments to refute this.

After diligent research, Jesmond Park Academy was prepared. Although Newcastle School for Boys started out with a strong introduction and definition, Jesmond Park Academy's introductory speaker, Dhalia, didn't waiver and delivered her own confident statement that thoroughly redefined the argument. This assertiveness echoed throughout the team with Jeevan-Jesmond Park Academy's second speaker-communicating the ideas with clarity. Grace, the final speaker, concluded the argument concisely. She rebutted any challenges with careful consideration, resulting in Jesmond Park Academy winning.

The final challenge for Jesmond Park Academy is Callerton Academy, which is also part of our multi academy trust Gosforth Group. Good luck to all!

**Zahra (Debating Team)  
(Year 10)**

## City Cup Champions



IN THE QUARTER FINALS of the Adam Armstrong City Cup we came out with a hard fought 3-2 win to book our place in the semi-finals. In a tense semi-final, we clawed the game back from 2-0 to 2-2 but Saint Mary's then scored to restore their lead. With one minute left we scored a vital spot kick, sending the game to penalties. A great couple of saves and excellent penalties sent us into the final! It was us against St Cuthbert's - the final game of the year and we needed to win. The whistle blew, 1-0, 2-0, 3-0, it was a perfect first-half start. In the second half we scored again to make it 4-0. The final whistle eventually blew at 5-2, and we were crowned city champions!

**James (Captain) and Harry (Vice-Captain)  
(Year 8)**

## Unlocking the Secrets of the Universe - The CERN Experience

IN JANUARY, our Sixth Form Physics group had the amazing opportunity to visit CERN on the Swiss-French border near Geneva as part of the course. One of the many highlights was learning about plasma research in the Swiss Plasma Centre. We saw a pink plasma display and researchers' work on nuclear fusion with great potential for energy production.

At the CERN Science Gateway, we experienced the vast scope of the ongoing research at CERN, and we observed how A-level Physics impacts the real world. It was surreal to visit the Large Hadron Collider's Command Centre knowing that it was where groundbreaking scientific discoveries have taken place.

Outside of the labs, we went on a scavenger hunt to explore Geneva, climbed Saint Pierre Cathedral, and visited the UN Palace. It helped us all truly appreciate the city's culture and history beyond science.

The trip confirmed my passion for physics and inspired me to pursue a career in solving real-world problems through science.

**Talia (Physics Student) (Year 12)**

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