



WESTONBIRT SCHOOL

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Westonbirt wows with ‘Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’

On Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March Westonbirt School and Rose Hill Westonbirt School gave two magnificent performances of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber’s ‘*Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*,’ receiving rapturous applause and encores from two, sell-out audiences.

The show was a key highlight of the academic year and was a huge Westonbirt production, involving over 100 girls from all years in the Senior School, as well as the Prep School, Rose Hill Westonbirt. The girls had put an enormous amount of work and commitment into the show since rehearsals began in September. The hard work clearly paid off and the talent shone through the sparkling performances.

The key role of Joseph was performed brilliantly by Isabel Yerburgh, with a touching rendition of ‘Close Every Door,’ while the Narrators, Gemma Harborne and Lydia Marshall, also gave remarkable performances throughout. The part of Pharaoh was played superbly by Tobi Arawole who gave a dynamic and memorable version of ‘Song of the King.’ *“All the girls have worked tremendously hard and we are extremely proud of them. Both shows have been a great success.”* commented Dr Charlotte Exon, Director of Music and Charlotte Crosbee, Head of Drama. Headmistress, Mary Henderson, was bowled over by the professionalism of all the cast, adding *“I challenge you all to find a better school production of Joseph in the land – let alone in the West End or on Broadway!”*

As well as the performers, the production comprised a band and a large back stage team. Scaffolding, light and sound equipment was provided by Chinnick Theatre Services, costumes by Zenneth Theatre Company and the Licence and music by The Really Useful Group Ltd.

Music and drama are both thriving at Westonbirt School. In 2010 all the girls achieved A*s and As in their GCSE Music examinations and this term almost 20% of the whole school entered for music practical and theory examinations, demonstrating the girls’ commitment and enjoyment of the subject. The Prep School is already looking forward to its Summer Musical production, “Scheherazade” by Nick Perrin on Wednesday 29th June (2:30pm) and Thursday 30th June (5:30pm).

OPEN MORNING AT WESTONBIRT SCHOOL AND ROSE HILL WESTONBIRT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Saturday, 14th May 2011: 09:30am – 12:30pm (with Headmistress's address at 10:45am and 11:30am). For further information please contact our Registrar, Belinda Holley, on 01666 881301, email: registrar@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk
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Note to Editors:

Westonbirt School is a leading independent boarding and day school for girls (aged 11 – 18). The school's idyllic setting in 210 acres of beautiful rural park and woodland (shared with Rose Hill Westonbirt School, a preparatory day school for boys and girls) allows pupils the freedom to play and explore in a safe and natural environment, further developing imagination and confidence.

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