

MAYZMUSIK PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

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DISNEYLAND EDITION!

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HAPPY 2010!

2010 is only a month in and already so much has happened!

Lisa-Marie & Emma-Jayne, along with chaperones Andrew Jones & Leighton Martin, took 20 students from the Academy to Disneyland Paris for the 2010 Study Experience—and what an experience it was!

Rehearsals for the Visions In Glass summer production of "The Wedding singer" have begun, and 2010 has so much more in store

for Mayz-musik Per-forming Arts Acad-emy and our stu-dents!

This year marks the Academy's 10th Anniversary, plans are already underway for the 2010 WhY Factor Talent Show at the Riverfront Studio Theatre in Newport, as well as the day-to-day exams, gigs, lessons & concerts—it's going to



be a big year!

So a happy new year to you all & keep practising!

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

Following on from its success in 2009, Abergavenny Carnival Committee are once again bringing "It's a Knockout" to Abergavenny.

On Saturday 10th July, teams will be invited to show their community spirit by racing against the clock in physical & mental challenges (whilst getting soak-

ing wet!)

If you're interested in being in a Mayz-musik/Visions In Glass team, please see May.

EXAM CONGRATULATIONS

The 2009 winter session of exams was a roaring success for Mayzmusik Performing Arts Academy.

An outstanding seven students achieved distinctions in exams with both Rockscool Ltd & the London College of Music!

Toby Evans, age 15, achieved a fantastic 85% distinction at Grade 8 guitar with the

Rockscool, and Bryn Wright, age 17, achieved 88% distinction at Grade 8 Jazz Sax with the LCM! Both now have a commendable 70 points to add to UCAS applications, which is the equivalent of an extra AS-level!

Other distinction candidates were Joe Hayward—Grade 3 Keyboard, Laura Cowburn—Grade 3 Bass, Rachel Holyfield—Grade 4 Piano, Hannah Willard—

Grade 5 Musical Theatre & our very own receptionist Amy Burgess—Grade 6 Musical Theatre!



10TH ANNIVERSARY

2010 marks the 10th Anniversary of Mayzmusik Performing Arts Academy & we fully intend to celebrate in style!

Having spoken to students about how we should mark the

occasion, we have decided that, as a celebration of the success our students have achieved, we will have a prom at a local ballroom with each band from the Academy taking

roughly a 20 minute set to entertain our other students & their families.

Tickets & venue are yet to be confirmed but **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

PRACTICAL DATES

Most of the exam board have announced the dates for the Summer Session Practical Examinations.

The GCSE Music Exam will be on Mon 22nd March, the

Rockscool Ltd Exams will be on Thu 25th March, The GCSE Dance Practical is Thu 15th April & the AS/A2 Music date is yet to be announced.

ALL exam dates are

listed in the Diary Dates section at the back of the newsletter—please note them down carefully & alert your teacher if there is any reason these dates are inconvenient.

THE WEDDING SINGER

Rehearsals have already begun for the Visions In Glass 2010 summer production of "The Wedding Singer"

The story follows Robbie, a singer in a wedding band in 1985, as he's jilted at the alter, leaving him wondering how his career in the wedding business will pan out.

Coloured with songs that all have a familiar 80's-tastic ring to them, "The Wedding Singer" is a foot-tapping musical comedy that everyone will love.

The show is taking place at Abergavenny Borough Theatre on Fri 10th & Sat 11th July.



Rehearsals take place on Sunday Mornings at Llanwenarth Citra Hall. If you'd like to be involved please contact Lisa-Marie.

THE WHY FACTOR

The 10th WhY Factor Talent Show is taking place on Saturday 22nd May in the Riverfront Studio Theatre in Newport.

There are three categories—Soloist age

16+, Soloist age 15 & under and Band Award.

Entry into the show is **COMPLETELY FREE!** And tickets are available for friends & family to support the

acts.

For an entry form, please see Lisa-Marie or visit www.mayzmusik.co.uk & click on Talent Show.

REVISION DAYS

As an assistance for those taking vocational exams in Music & Dance, Lisa-Marie is hosting revision days during February Half Term.

Even if you're taking the exam in school, you are more than

welcome to attend the days which involve a morning of intensive revision followed by a mock exam in the afternoon.

For those new to the course, this can be a helpful boost in syllabus

knowledge and for those taking the exam this year, the day can provide valuable extra revision & examination experience.

For more details please see Lisa-Marie.

Students' Top 5!

1. Making new friends
2. The stunt Show
3. Roller coasters
4. Dancing on the tables/ doing the conga in Annettes Diner!
5. Meeting and greeting the Disney Characters

"I totally heart this holiday & I don't want to leave! Definitely coming next year!"
Amy Burgess

MAYZMUSIK STUDENTS ROCK DISNEYLAND!

After the success of last year's trip, this year MPAA took 22 students to Disneyland Paris for a Study Experience! Ages ranged from 12 to 23 years old.

The experience catered for students studying GCSE Music, Dance and Drama, Performing Arts and Musical Theatre.

Walt-Disney Studios and three nights in the Wild West themed Hotel Cheyenne.

After the 14 hour journey home (eek!), all students agreed it had been a magical trip.



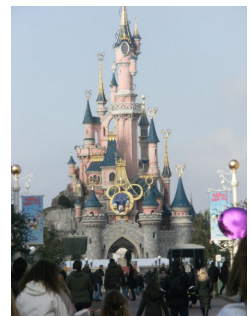
Students enjoyed two days in the Disneyland Park and



THE SEMINARS :))

During the three seminars, students got to meet Disneyland's artistic director Kat DuBlois and Emmanuelle Lefevre, who designed the "Once Upon A Dream" Parade.

Students also found out about the audition and casting process used by the directors at Disneyland Paris. We also found out 'inside information' about a new resort opening in



Shanghai in 2014, and the new Toy Story village opening in Paris in April this year!

PARADES AND SHOWS!!



The parades and shows were one of the highlights of the trip. The big, main parade was the "Once Upon A

Dream" parade featuring Disney's biggest films such as The Lion King and all the Disney Princesses.

We also saw the "Stars 'n' Cars" Parade along with "Mickey's Magical Party" and the "Moteurs Action!" Stunt Show, which all agreed was truly spectacular.



MEET 'N' GREET'S!

A trip to Disneyland wouldn't be the same without meeting the stars of the show!

Mickey Mouse, Goofy and of course Prince Charming!



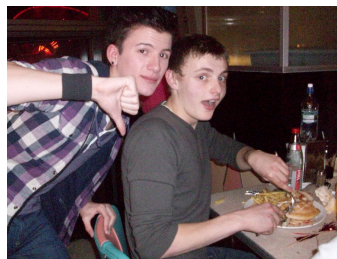
Many of the students enjoyed seeking out characters such as

While the boys were falling in love with Snow White, the girls were busy blowing kisses at Peter Pan and being hugged by Gaston.



We also had a fab time meeting other Performing Arts schools and col-

leges from all over the U.K.



"The moment I saw the Disney Princess Castle was amazing! Disneyland is the most magical place—everyone should go there."
Lisa Martin

RIDES!

The biggest highlight of the trip has to be Lisa-Marie's face as the Tower Of Terror plummeted downwards!

enough to be able to fit 18 out of 24 students on to many rides including Space Mountain, Indiana Jones & Big Thunder Mountain



Due to the small queues we were lucky

"It was a rockin' trip—I'm a kid again! Yay Disney!"
Jane Gilbert

ANNETTES DINER + SHOPPING



shops & amazing eateries, lights, music & fun.

Once the parks close their gates to the general public, the Disney Village is the place to be with its huge



Annette's Diner was the haunt of the MPAA crew where we ate, laughed, screamed, sang & danced a 30-



person-long conga around the diner to "Greased Lightening" & "Think" by Aretha Franklin!

We're on the web! Visit
www.mayzmusik.co.uk
 For regular updates on
 Academy news

THE TEAM



May Williams (and Elvis)
 Principal



Emma-Jayne & Lisa-Marie Williams
 Vice Principals



Lewis Bray
 Teacher



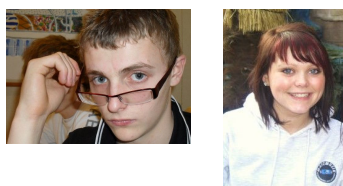
James Clement
 Teacher



Ted Topps
 Teacher



Pip Williams
 Teacher



Alex Hopkinson & Amy Burgess
 Receptionists

Diary Dates

February 2010

- Mon 15th - Sun 21st Half Term : No Dance Classes (Music as per usual)
- Thu 18th A2-level Music Revision Day
- Fri 19th AS-level Music Revision Day
- Sat 20th GCSE Dance Revision Day
- Sun 21st GCSE Music Revision Day

March 2010

- Sat 13th MOVE IT! Dance Convention
- Mon 22nd GCSE Music Practical Exam
- Thu 25th Rockschoool Ltd Exams
- Sun 27th Last Teaching Day

April 2010

- Mon 12th First Day of Summer Term
- Mon 12th AS & A2 Music Performance Period Begins
- Thu 15th GCSE Dance Moderation
- Fri 16th GCSE Music Controlled Assessment Deadline

May 2010

- Fri 7th AS & A2 Music Coursework Deadline
- Mon 17th AS & A2 Music Performance Period Ends
- Wed 19th GCSE Dance Written Exam
- Sat 22nd WhY Factor (Riverfront Theatre Newport)
- Fri 28th AS Music Listening Exam
- Mon 31st - Sun 6th Jun Half Term : No Dance Classes (Music as per usual)

June 2010

- Fri 18th GCSE Music Listening Exam
- Fri 25th A2 Music Listening Exam

July 2010

- Fri 9th The Wedding Singer (Borough Theatre, Abergavenny)
- Sat 10th The Wedding Singer (Borough Theatre, Abergavenny)
- Sat 10th Abergavenny Carnival IT'S A KNOCKOUT