

KS4 BAND PLAY AT THE TEACH FIRST OPENING CEREMONY

On Sunday 2nd July 2017, our wonderful KS4 Band were invited to perform at the Teach First Opening Ceremony at Regent High School. The students performed a full set of music, including 'Shape of You', 'Say You Won't Let Go', 'Something Just Like This' and 'ABC'. **Roshaan DW, Gedvile Vicyte, Gabi Kennard, Mya Chowdhury, Cosmin Postolache, Darian Lazin, Melinda Yaman, Ligia Marin, Stefan Mileusnich, Anisha Smith and Callum Perkins** worked incredibly hard rehearsing in their own time after school.

Comments from the Teach First staff and teachers included *"They were amazing! I couldn't believe that they are students"* and *"They have improved so much since last year"*. The standing ovation at the end really said it all! As their teacher, I could not be more proud of how they have improved as young musicians and the confidence they have developed.



A huge thank you goes to Miss Small for all of her support during rehearsals and on the day and to Huw Beynon for supplying his drum kit, PA system and expertise for the performance. Here is what the students have to say:

"One of the best Sundays ever! I enjoyed performing doing something that I'm passionate about and it left me in a very good mood all day" – Gedvile Vicyte

"It was amazing. I literally have no other words to describe it. It is experiences like this that make me love Music even more than I already do – they have helped me with my confidence issues so much over the last two years and I wish we could do it more often!" – Melinda Yaman

"We were able to come out of our shells and bond together more than I thought a GCSE Music class would. At the beginning of Year 9 everyone was shy and nervous around each other. Now we can pick up anything or sing anything in front of each other" – Anisha Smith



"We have improved since we were at the Teach First Opening Ceremony last year and in music in general. We work hard and do a lot of rehearsals if we need to practise and regularly stay after school for at least 2 hours!" – Roshaan Duffus-Whynes

"It was amazing and I am so proud of my group. Thank you Miss Marshall for pushing me to learn new things" – Ligia Marin

We had such an amazing day full of music and fun – thank you to all of the students for their hard work and commitment!

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