



Stewards Academy POPSTARS!



Dear Parents and Carers,



Wow! What an absolutely incredible show with a talented group of students. I waited three years for the rights to 'Popstars! The 90s Musical' to become available and it was worth the wait!

The cast, crew and band were absolutely committed throughout the four months of rehearsals and it was a pleasure to work alongside them to create such a fantastic show.

It is a real testament to the power of the performing arts, when so many of our ex-performers came back to watch and to be part of the experience.

I think if you were lucky enough to see the show you will know how special it was. The students involved created something special and it is something they will remember as they move through the school and beyond.

To all of the students involved, thank you for your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. Remember, striving for excellence requires these attributes alongside listening, respect and a sense of humour to get you through! I feel honoured to have been your director and producer.

I look forward to seeing you on stage again.



Mrs Bartlett, Miss Trowsdale, Miss Doughty, & Miss Johnson, Director and Producer of 'Popstars!'





Cast



Principals

Mark: Franklin Nzeh
Patrick: Joe Sabbarton
Vinnie: Freddie McCann
Shane: Sam Healy
Shannon: Emily Oliver
Steffi: Jamie-Leanne Wheatland
Tina: Holly Saunders
Charlie: Ashleigh Jolley
Ella: Charlotte Goodenough
Carrie: Eleanor Sibley
Chef Joey: Billy Summerford
Simon Austin: Seven Hassan
Simon Austin's PA: Paige Patterson
DJ Prince: Lewis Calvert
Host: Melissa Mountney
Principal: Katie-Mae Braham
Amber Shue: Amber Coericius
Customer: Kai Henson



Ensemble

Girlpower

Charlotte Easby, Lilly-May Eves, Abigail Johnson,
Paige Patterson, Darcy Wylie

X-Force

Kai Henson, Sara Ilett, Jack Navin,
Billy Summerford, Megan Taylor

School

Obehi Aigbehi, Lily Hill, Ayse Kaya,
Aimee Mayo, Adela Mikolayova, Zoë Pask,
Katie Swallow, Bryony Witt-Davies

Dance

Cara-Blue Donnelly, Daisy Dove, Kirsty Erratt, Lulu
Graham, Ella Johnson, Olamide Nduka, Sophie
Sayers,
Emily-Jane Smith, Matylda Szczerba

Student Band

Keyboard— Esther Ntow, Hardson Palmer,

Zack Bridge, Jacob Dorman

Electric Guitar— George Berry, Charlie Harvey

Acoustic Guitar— Levi Edwards, Heaven-Leigh Edwards

Bass Guitar— Charlie Gardner

Clarinet— Paige Cooper

Drums— Jack Lucas, Josh Palmer, George Berry

Led by Kim Doughty

Student Production Team

Production Assistant— Hannah Donnan

Sound— Emmanuel Ekezie

assisted by Mitchell Miller

Lighting design— Damien Bidmead and Damion Wint

Stage Crew - Kai Henson, Seven Hassan, Lewis Calvert, Myles Leverington-Poole, Sara Ilett

Marketing, including this newsletter - Mia Christie



Principals



Popstars was a pleasure to watch the upcoming talent blossom and I've built a very strong bond with everyone. I'm going to miss rehearsals and feel privileged to have worked with so many amazing people.

Ashleigh (Year 11)



Popstars was an experience of a lifetime, I relate to my character (Ella) a lot. I went a little out of my comfort zone for the romantic side, but it has made me grow as a performer. Congratulations to all the members of cast and crew.

Charlotte G (Year 9)



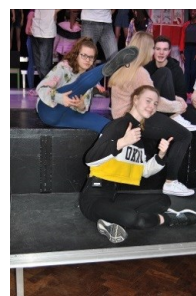
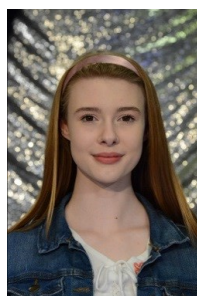
Popstars was a very enjoyable experience and I had so much fun getting to know everyone! I miss everyone so much :(

Freddie (Year 11)



I feel that Popstars has been a thrilling and fun time with multiple new experiences. I think that it has been a great four months and a huge learning curve for me. I have learnt new skills by being in the crew for the first time and singing a song in front of the huge audience each afternoon and evening. It has been a tough journey with highs and lows all around, but I am so proud of everyone on this rollercoaster of emotions and I am so thankful for the fantastic and supportive staff that helped us through everything. Without them we wouldn't have been able to bring this once in a lifetime show together.

Seven (Year 9)





Ensemble



I loved the Popstars show so much. I enjoyed working with other years; I made so many new friends. I believe it's the best show we've done. I got to work with an amazing group of people and just had so much fun. I've really learnt a lot from my other peers, and even though the past couple of months have been difficult and emotional, we have been able to work together and honestly I believe these have been the best months of my school life so far. It has given me so much more confidence and opportunities; all I can do is thank the pupils, the student band, cast and the teachers that have helped us get through such an amazing show!!

Charlotte E (Year 9)



I really enjoyed the whole experience, the dancing too! I enjoyed spending time with everyone, making new friends and memories. It has been tough learning all the songs and choreography but it was all worth it in the end because the show was amazing. There have been tears and laughs and it's been part of an amazing experience. I miss it so much!!

Kai (Year 9)



Band



Congratulations to all the students who took part in this year's production, 'Popstars', making it truly one of the best ever. The cast worked hard over many weeks, rehearsing their scenes, songs and dance routines and thoroughly entertaining their audiences over five performances. They were supported by a fantastic student crew who diligently set scenes and props, ran lighting and sound and helped with marketing the production.

A special mention must go to the young musicians who made up our first ever student pit band (pictured). These students worked together and rehearsed alongside the cast and crew to provide live musical accompaniment for every performance. They played to a very high standard and conducted themselves with maturity and professionalism throughout. Well done!



MISS DOUGHTY





Dance



I would just like to say a big well done to everyone involved with the production. For me, it was one of the most enjoyable musicals to have choreographed for at Stewards; the music and moves will be a lasting memory.

It was a pleasure to work with such a talented cast, who did an amazing job recreating those iconic moments of the 90s!

Miss Trowsdale, Choreographer

I am so proud of everyone for performing in this amazing production. It was all so professional and you have got to be full of talent to have remembered every dance and song. This show has made me a happier person and gave me so many friends as well as giving me so much confidence.
Matylida (Year 9)

I loved Popstars because not only were we like a family but we became closer and made so many more friends!!
Ella (Year 9)

Thank you to everyone involved for putting on such a dazzling spectacle of entertainment.
Mrs Bartlett, Head of Year 8





I enjoyed having the opportunity to record Popstars multiple times. I had to stop myself from dancing along behind the camera!!
Sonya (Year 9)



I really enjoyed the experience of working backstage instead of performing. I would not have enjoyed the experience as much if I was not working with the talented bunch of people who did the show. I will miss all the people in Popstars and I hope they so amazing in the future
Hannah (Year 11)



Rehearsals

