



## **“A HIGH-SPIRITED PRODUCTION OF MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING”**

**Much Ado About Nothing**  
by St. Cenydd Comprehensive School  
at The Riverfront, 19/11/2018  
appraised by Tom Barker

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to St Cenydd Comprehensive School for your fantastic production of Much Ado About Nothing as part of the 2018 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a brilliant night of theatre, and I'd like to highlight just a few elements that really stood out.

The cast had excellent vocal skills throughout the performance. They used loud, clear voices, had a good understanding of what they were saying and added emotion to make the most of the language. The company's comprehension meant that the audience also followed the story, as we knew that we were in safe pairs of hands.

I particularly liked the party scene and the wedding, which brought a wonderful sense of energy and created scenarios that we are all familiar with! They really highlighted the focus and commitment from the ensemble throughout the play.

They did a fantastic job telling the story. They laid out the plot really well - not always the easiest thing to do with Shakespeare so well done!

A committed and confident Much Ado About Nothing from a talented cast.

Performing Shakespeare's words on a professional stage takes courage, resilience, and imagination. You and your teachers should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved.

**I hope to see St Cenydd Comprehensive School in the Festival again next year!**

Tom Barker

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