

“WE HAVE CAUSE TO BE GLAD”

Antony and Cleopatra
by St.Cenydd Comprehensive
at The Sherman, 9/11/2017
appraised by Anja Conti

I would like to offer sincere thanks and congratulations to St.Cenedd Comprehensive for your wonderful production of Anthony and Cleopatra as part of the 2017 Shakespeare Schools Festival. Students and teachers alike have put hard work, imagination, determination and passion into this production, and were a credit to the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few fantastic moments that you should be especially proud of.

- ❖ Congratulations all, what a wonderful adaptation of a very complex play. You all worked tirelessly to get the show ready, and your mature understanding of this play meant that you were able to find interesting stage pictures and interpretations to tell the story in a dynamic way.
- ❖ We were really impressed with your conduct within the theatre. Thank you for supporting each cast performing today - you were a joy to work with. I also must congratulate you on rehearsing a new company member into the play in three days – amazing work!
- ❖ You produced very detailed characterisations, resulting in totally believable portrayals. From excellently acted deaths, to heaps of attitude and a magnificent cape swoosh, you kept the audience enthralled. I also enjoyed the battle scene with Pirates of the Caribbean! Moments of ensemble work made us all buy into the world of the play, and your smooth entrances and exits meant that we were engaged from start to finish.
- ❖ You worked hard on your vocal qualities. Your delivery of your characters intentions meant that we could easily follow the story and we saw a huge development from the workshop to performance day. You nailed it!

This was a creative and clever Anthony and Cleopatra from a talented and high-spirited cast.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see St.Cenedd Comprehensive in the Festival again next year.

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