

Year 10 & 11 Theatre Trip Wicked Musical

On February 23rd the Music GCSE students, accompanied by Ms Hannent, Ms Gribble & Ms Jenigar, went to see the musical 'Wicked' at the Apollo Theatre, which acts as a prequel to 'The Wizard of Oz'.

The first thing I think most people noticed was the stunning stage work, particularly the incredible use of lighting and costuming, which really added to the magical atmosphere of the musical.

The performers themselves were equally captivating, and had such powerful and beautiful voices, but all of that would be for nothing if the music itself was not as well composed as it was. The melodies, the harmonies, the orchestra accompaniment - all of it was perfect.

In the intermission Ms Hannent showed us the band pit in which the orchestra was playing underneath the stage. It was quite different from a conventional orchestra, with only a few live instruments being used. Many parts are pre-recorded or electronically produced, and it showed us how musicians contribute, and are utilised in ways we're not familiar with, which I found really interesting.

Overall, it was such an amazing experience, and I can speak for everyone who came when I say that it is one that we are all grateful we had the opportunity to go to.

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