

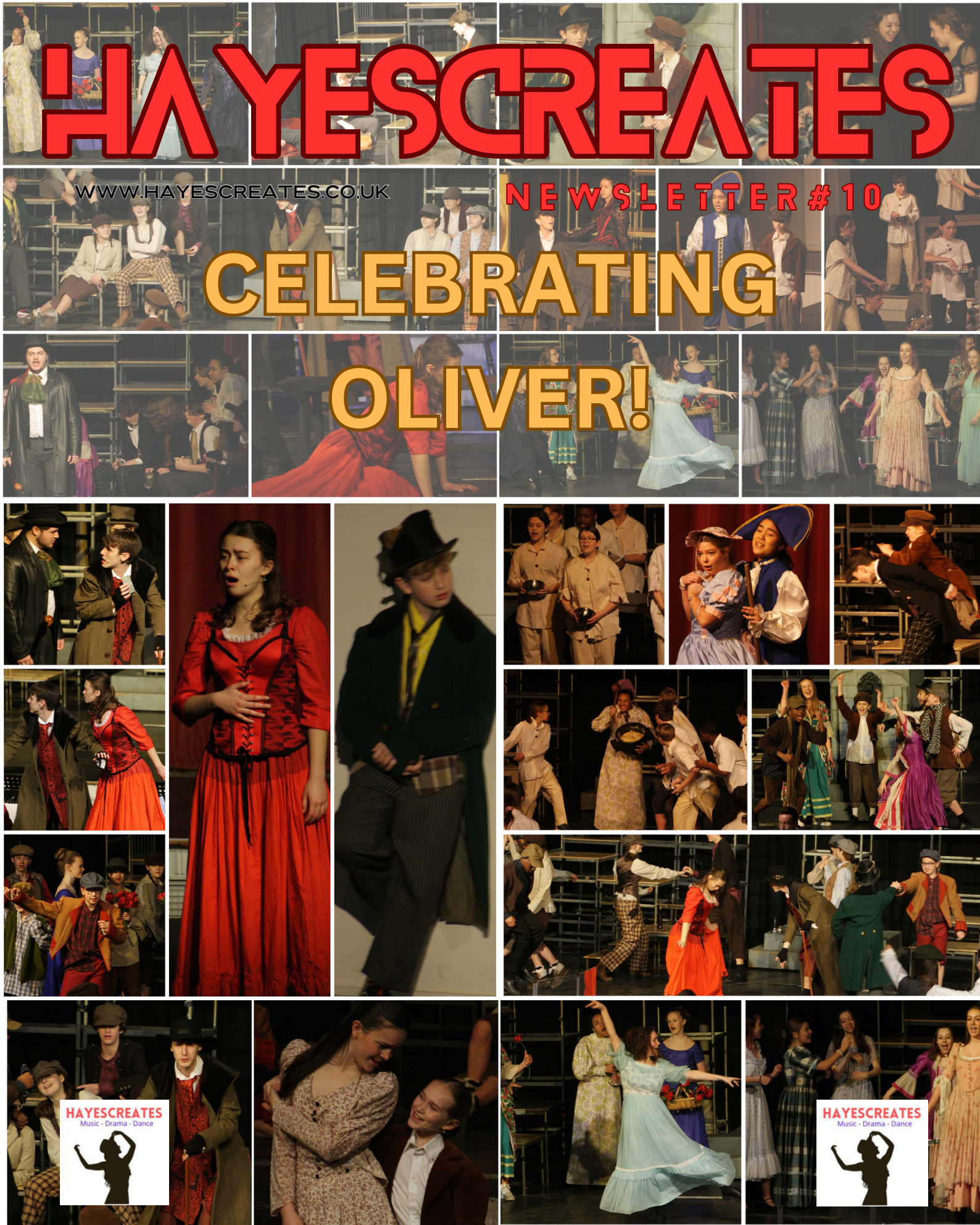
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## CELEBRATING

## OLIVER!





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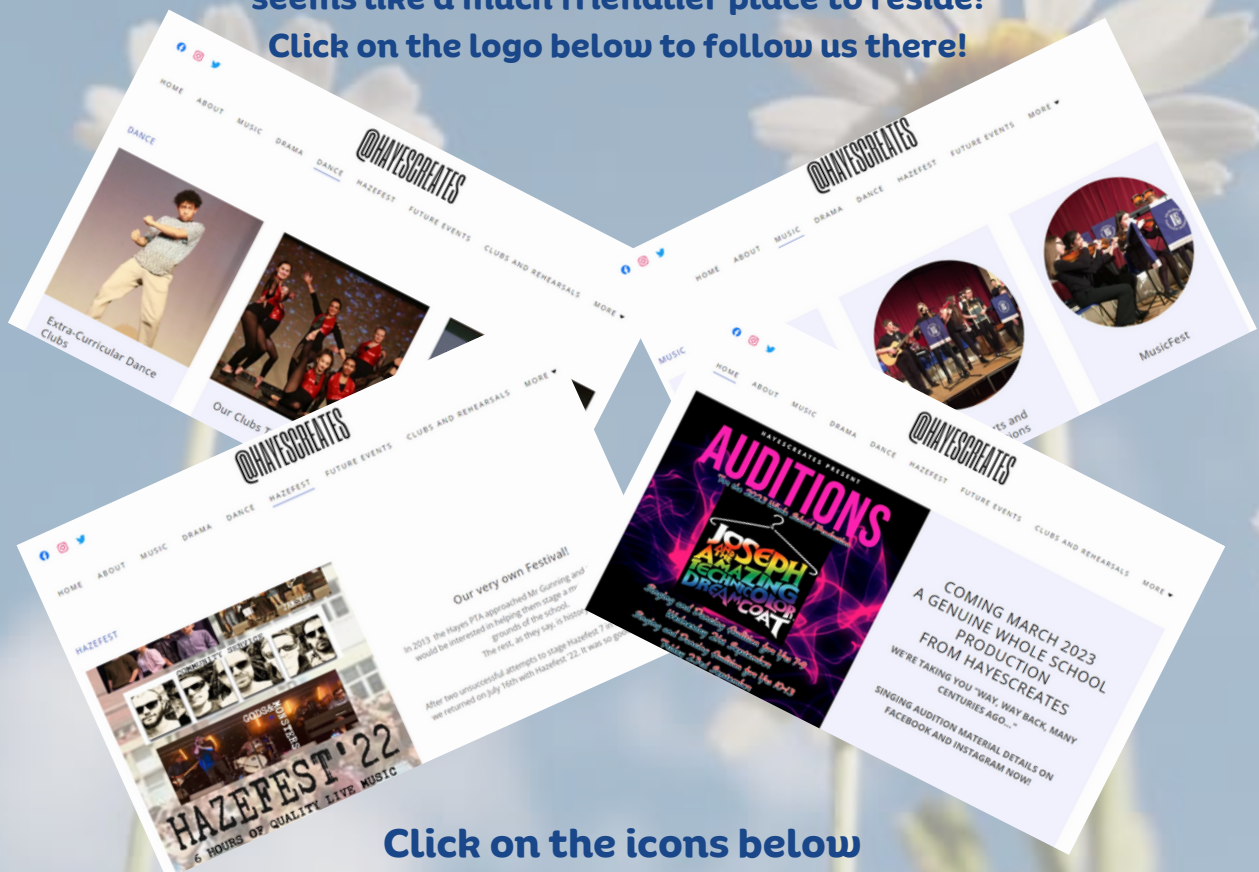
Welcome to the tenth issue of the HayesCreates Newsletter - celebrating all the enrichment performing arts activities and events that take place at Hayes School.

In this issue we look back on another hugely successful Whole School Production and celebrate the actors, directors, musicians and stage crew who brought us OLIVER! Across 4 nights in March over 800 people packed out the hall for this epic production so we are naturally devoting most of this issue to the show!

To stay completely up to date with all our news, and see all our past newsletters, please visit [www.hayescreates.co.uk](http://www.hayescreates.co.uk) or follow our social media accounts.

On that subject, we're moving away from X and have set up on **Threads**, which seems like a much friendlier place to reside!

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# HAYESCREATES OLIVER!

Now that the dust has settled the HayesCreates team are looking back on *Oliver* with enormous pride. Despite having ended the near 20 year wait for a Whole School production in 2023 with *Joseph*, we knew *Oliver* would be a very different proposition. A huge cast, a near 2 hour show, massive set and costume requirements and some incredibly long numbers all proved to be at least as challenging as expected, but in the end none of it was insurmountable and *Oliver* dazzled.

Everyone on stage, backstage and in the pit gave it their all over 4 long nights and the company spirit - pupils across all our year groups enjoying being together - was a joy to behold.

Congratulations to you all.





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## WHAT THE AUDIENCE SAID!

*“A seamless first night with fabulous performances - a roaring success!”*

*“Fantastic - The exuberance, dynamism and colour when all the kids were on stage was amazing.”*

*“Brilliant seeing so many students on stage, young and old and to hear one great song after another.”*

*“Such an impressive and enjoyable performance - congratulations to all involved.”*

*“Utterly outstanding! I was beaming with pride!”*

*“Thank you for choosing such a wonderful cast, taking risks giving little ones such a big opportunity, and some who had no prior experience. We loved the whole cast including everyone in the ensemble.”*

And we were thrilled to get this full review from the Chair of the Governors!

*Some of the governors joined parents, friends, relatives and staff for the third night of the school production. And what an experience! Taking Lionel Bart's 1960 stage musical, based on the Dicken's book Oliver Twist, the school team turned what could be a challenging story into a fantastic musical evening. The whole production - from staging, music, lighting, sound and, of course, the singing, dancing and acting were superb. The ensemble groups were amazing, and so engrossed in their characters that wherever you looked on stage, every member of the cast was involved in the story. There were exceptional performances from so many soloists - so convincing in their acting that one forgot that they are Hayes students, and not Victorian participants in a drama unfolding before us (Fagin was surely at least 60 years old?). The story was told so powerfully and enjoyably, and all parts of the production came together so completely - acting, music, choreography, costumes- that I can only say “Please Sir, can I have some more?”*



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A huge thank you to Sophie, Alex, Aidan, Lauren and Amelia for all that they have given to HayesCreates productions over their time at Hayes - as performers in *R&J*, *Joseph* and *Oliver* and as Directors of House Drama. It's been our pleasure to work with them over the last few years and we wish them all the best for the future.

## What next for the School Show?

Never ones to rest on our laurels, or to settle into a pattern, we have big plans afoot for next year. On the table are a KS3 musical (in addition to, not instead of House Drama) and a KS4/5 play double-bill. Nothing is decided yet, but definitely expect the unexpected!



# HAYES CREATES EASTER CONCERT



The Easter Concert on 27th March was a fantastic evening's entertainment. With the biggest number of participants- and the biggest audience - at a music concert since Covid, every ensemble was on fire and the incredible diversity of the Music Department was evident all night. Huge well done to all involved!

**Look out for the recording on the website/YouTube very soon.**



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**COMING SOON!**

## HOUSE DRAMA

Auditions for the House Drama Competition for Years 7-9 will be at the end of the second week back after Easter! Competition performance on July 11th

## HAZEFEST

The Hazefest 10th Anniversary special will be on Gadsden Lawn on Saturday July 13th!

## SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Concert is on July 3rd!

