

SCHOOL OF ROCK!



ORIEL IS IN THE BAND!

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Next week will see Oriel High School's launch of the theatrical production, School of Rock. Each year at Oriel the Drama and Music department put on a musical extravaganza to entertain the local community and give students the chance to showcase their talents. The teachers and students have been working flat out since October. They have put so much effort into it and will be showcased on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of March at Oriel.

We have spoken to an array of people who are involved.

First we spoke to a back stage crew member and she said "It is very hard work as they need me for props and costumes. From what I

have seen of it I know it will be great. I love working back stage as we always have fun". Another back stage crew member told us "I love making props and helping people. It is very relaxed and you get to watch it and help improve it. Everyone is really excited and they will do great".

The headteacher of Oriel High School, Mr Stack, told us- "I will be there Wednesday. I believe the staff and students put so much time and effort into this. If students feel valued, resilient, and have great opportunities, then they should be in the school production. You will learn new skills and that will take you into your adult life. We

will never be an exam factory and people should do these extra curriculum activities".

The actor who plays a lead female role reported "I suppose I have quite a big role. I like my character as she is very similar to me. I love working with Ms Reid and Ms Phillips as they always help you and always bring such enthusiasm to the rehearsals. I have made so many new friends and we always have a bit of fun. Everyone has a great attitude and brings a great vibe. It is an amazing experience".

The student who plays a lead male role commented "I think the teachers have great imagination and are great for the job. The rehearsals go on till 5-6pm but it is so fun and all worth it in the end. I feel like I'm much more confident than I used to be and have really enjoyed it".

We personally are looking forward to seeing the musical production School of Rock. We wish the best of luck to those performing and back stage. After all the preparation it seems sure that things will run smoothly. The bar has been set very high and it remains to be seen whether the team can improve on the last production, but we have high hopes. Ms Reid and Ms Phillips are so amazing doing this and the devotion they have is exemplary. Good luck to all who have helped and participated throughout the last 6 months.