



# SENIOR SCHOOL

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

On 5th November, all of Year 5 to 10 plus the Year 11 GCSE Drama group attended a production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Nottingham Arts Theatre.

It was a splendid occasion. The acting, set, costumes and direction brought to life what is a truly hilarious play. Everyone agreed that seeing a Shakespeare play as the Bard intended is infinitely more entertaining and enlightening than simply reading the words off the page.

### Year 10 Conference Day

Year 10 attended a special Conference Day in school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The topic for the day was, appropriately, study skills. For these students, in their first term of GCSE studies, learning about how to learn is clearly highly relevant. Jeff Moran, from "Learning Performance", ensured that the conference was packed with opportunity and fun. A busy, productive, thought-provoking day was the result.

Following our fascination visit to The Galleries of Justice on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 11 General Studies group was very fortunate to be invited to the Magistrates' Courts on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Greaves was our host and, after explaining to us the various roles and positions within a court, he arranged for us to witness two courts in action. This insight into the legal system is an extremely important one to be given and we are most grateful to the courts for their ongoing generosity to Hollygirt.



### Year 9 Return Visit to Southwell Workhouse Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Year 9 girls returned to the Workhouse in Southwell last week. This was a special visit resulting from a day spent there in October when the girls so impressed the National Trust staff that we were invited back to help develop a new workshop for other visiting schools from all over the country. Mrs Brooksby had made a prior visit to work with the site education officer to select suitable resources from the archive and structure a learning workshop. Monday's visit was for the girls to trial the results and provide feedback for further development. The girls all participated fantastically and received well deserved praise from the education officer who commented that they were more perceptive and showed a greater level of understanding than many 'A' level students.

*To be invited to work on such a project is a real accolade for the school.*

The girls deserve to feel very proud of their achievements and will know that many, many others will reap the benefits of their input.

