

Rave Reviews for the Birmingham Repertory Theatre (REP)

On November 5th, 50 Key Stage 4 pupils from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive visited the REP Theatre in Birmingham to watch a live theatre adaptation of William Golding's classic novel 'Lord of the Flies'. All students on the trip are studying the novel as part of their GCSE English Literature course.

Before the show, students attended a workshop that gave valuable insight into the play that would help in their studies. The workshop helped refresh their knowledge of the characters and themes and helped to develop an understanding of other important aspects of the novel. One Year 11 pupil said, "It was really helpful to have someone teach us about the novel in an exciting way, rather than learning out of a textbook.'

The show itself interpreted the 1954 novel in a modern way that would help more students connect to the story. Pupils really enjoyed the show and felt totally immersed partially due to their earlier workshop, but also being seated so close to the action added to the realism making the performance much more authentic.

One student said, 'I loved the show! I also thought being seated so close made the show so much more exciting. It was almost as if you were part of the action!'

A good day was had by all, a lucky few even got to meet some of the cast! This experience will help pupils have a more thorough understanding of the novel and hopefully improve exam grades too!

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