

## Welcome to the World of Shakespeare



On 28th June 2017, the White Horse Theatre gave, as every year, a guest performance in our school. During the 6th and 7th lesson the students of year eleven watched the play "The Merchant of Venice" by William Shakespeare.

The famous play about love, dubious business and racism was shortened and simplified, but performed in Shakespearian English by four outstanding actors. Even with small scenery on the assembly hall stage

every actor was captivating in their different roles. In spite of the minimum scenery one could fancy everything very well. Furthermore, Gruffyd Evans on the clarinet and Olivia Spencer on the saxophone could protrude also musically. All the time the spectators could feel the emotional roller coaster, from fear to joy, and there even was a joke from time to time. The actors spoke very good Shakespearean English, which was certainly not easy. Respect!

Even if the one or other student had not understood everything, (because this English was not the easiest level, there were some scenes everybody understood and could also smile about. Stage design and theatrical performance were truly impressive. Even though they were only in a group of four, they could let each one shine with great disguising and little equipment. After 95 minutes the, in my opinion, magnificent play came to an end. The opinions on the play itself differed though, from "boring" to "outstanding".

Still, there was much applause at the end for the quartet on stage. We thanked them with a small bouquet of flowers for the enjoyable presentation and afterwards we could still put questions. There we got a different view on the play and the White Horse Theatre. We would like to thank the White Horse Theatre for their annual visit of our school, giving all the students the chance to experience authentic English, despite of their long journey. We also thank Mrs. Bimüller, who organized the event.

In the name of all the students of year 11

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