



New York, New York!

Lucky students from a range of Performing Arts courses went to New York for five days in February. During this time, the students participated in a musical theatre workshop with the dance captain from Mary Poppins on Broadway and also took part in a jazz dance workshop with a professional dancer. Students and staff also made time for sightseeing, visiting the Lincoln centre, Radio City, Empire state building, and a cruise down the Hudson river to take in sights such as the statue of liberty. Not wanting to waste a moment, they squeezed in three shows: Stomp, Mary Poppins and New York City Ballet.

Staff accompanying the trip were delighted that all the comments from the airline crew and the professionals that worked with the students were very positive - saying that they were a pleasure to work with, well mannered and polite.

Teacher Lisa Rogers said: "All students had a ball and were a total pleasure to take away, making the trip a total breeze. Definitely the best group we have taken by far. Since the trip, several parents have come up to thank me for organising the trip saying that their son or daughter had had an amazing time and were still talking about it. "

Former Emerson Park student, Laura Stevens, who is currently studying Theatre Studies A Level, commented: "The Performing Arts trip to New York was everything I wanted it to be and more. The shopping was amazing, the shows were even better, the food even better than that! Oh, and I now know how to spell 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious', that's something not a lot of people can do!"

The trip allows students to work with professionals in a different context and also develops their life skills - being in a different country and having to look after themselves. This helps to prepare them for university life and travelling abroad alone in the future.