

## **Les Misérables - Euan Rourke**

It's that time of the year again, where the students and staff put on a fantastic show for the school and local area. This year they have chosen the longest running West End show, Les Misérables. Les Misérables was originally released as a French-language concept album, and the musical-stage adaptation of Les Misérables was presented at the Palais des Sports in 1980. The deeply emotional production, being played through song, has high expectations from fellow students and excited parents.

Being planned for nearly a year, Miss Rainbird and Miss Hall have gone through auditions to whittle it down to just over 30 Students. The very challenging performance is all sung, with no respite. Miss Rainbird stated, 'The students struggled to get into character at the start due to the large time difference between reality and the 19<sup>th</sup> century.' Since late May, rehearsals have been running twice a week, with students even committing their Saturdays to make sure this performance is the best it can possibly be. This shows the outstanding work rate of the students ranging from years 8 to 13.

Year 10 student, Zef Hudson, is the lead role playing Jean Valjean. The emotional, harrowing story is based on his character, going from a criminal, to a man trying to live free from sin. The show also has two Year 13 students performing, Summer Children-Smith and Connie Hastie, who will sadly take part in their last performance at the school before moving on to their future careers.

Outside of the student cast are many helpers. This includes 3 technicians, a director, a music teacher and a live band. The live band is made up of current, but also some former students, who have kindly returned to the school for this production. Current students and professionals are also helping on the multiple shows back stage and on sound and lighting.

Small sections of the show are being performed to students throughout the week before the performance is shown to family and friends at **7pm on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> December, Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> December and the final show on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

**You are able to buy tickets at the school reception, or online via 'ParentPay.com'. The prices for tickets are as follows:**

**One Adult - £10.00**

**One Concession - £8.50**

**A Family Ticket (2 Adults and 2 Concessions) - £35.00**

**Thank you for reading, we hope you enjoy the show!**

**Euan,**

**Belfairs Academy Social Media Team**