

National Opera Tour Comes to Hampshire Collegiate Prep School

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Students in Hampshire were given the chance to enjoy opera in their very own school.

Hampshire Collegiate Prep School hosted a performance by the English Pocket Opera Company as part of an exciting national tour which has just been launched with United Learning – the group to which the school belongs.

Students at the school were treated to a performance of 'Opera Blocks'; an engaging, interactive show designed to break down the building blocks of opera. Students were introduced to the three basic ingredients of opera – action, words and music – and were taught the more technical side of the music, for example the use of libretto, arias and choruses.

Prep School music teacher Miss Zoe Boyle said:

'The English Pocket Opera Company workshop was an excellent, high energy event and all pupils were fully engaged throughout. It gave the children the opportunity to experience and learn about the building blocks of opera and see how the three basic ingredients of action, words and music are used.'

'Pupils were inspired by the performance and it gave them an insight into a musical genre of which they may not previously have had much experience. A thoroughly enjoyable morning was had by all.'

Grace, a Year 3 pupil, said:

'I thought it was brilliant! I enjoyed every minute'.

Joe, from Year 2, said:

'I liked it because the teachers and children joined in too'.

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