

Singing Students get the Star Treatment

Forget the X-Factor, students from all year groups had the chance to showcase their star talent with the help of a professional mobile recording studio. 'Your Voice Roadshow' rolled into town on Tuesday 18 November offering many students the chance to record their own CD and experience the excitement of becoming recording artists for the day.



As part of the new House System students had the opportunity to represent their House in this event. For the preliminary stages students as individuals or in small groups had to sing a well known song . The best entries from each House then had the opportunity to go aboard the mobile studio for a truly unique experience choosing from a huge selection of over 10000 professionally produced backing tracks. Led by recording engineers who have had a great wealth of recording experience working with the likes of Elton John, Depeche Mode and Whitney Houston, students had the chance to lay down their vocals in one of the two state-of-the-art recording booths.

In addition the eighty strong Y7/8 choir had the opportunity to record one of their songs in preparation for the Christmas concert, under the leadership of Miss Kendall. KS2 pupils from Redfield Edge Primary School recorded their songs and Post 16 students also had the opportunity to record their compositions as part of their A level coursework. After school many staff entered the recording booths to demonstrate their vocal talents.



Two large plasma screens provided the audience outside the opportunity to see and hear the recordings taking place. All artists emerged to great cheers and applause. The support, affection and camaraderie from all students was a pleasure to witness. The added bonus of being interviewed by BBC Points West added to the excitement of being stars for the day. There were many students glued to the BBC News that night.

With all the excellent recordings it was extremely hard to select winning entries and a winning House. Jess Murray (Atlas) for her rendition of Dido's "Thank You" was the winning entry for KS3. Amy Fussell (Callisto) delivered an excellent performance of Mariah Carey's "Hero" and was chosen as the best entry for KS4. Overall the winning House was Atlas . Some of the songs can be heard on the video clips on the school website.

Sven Rees, Director of Houses.