

# A CHRISTMAS *Carol*

*November 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th  
7.30pm in the Ondaatje Theatre*



**ONDAATJE HALL**  
THEATRE COMPANY



## Welcome to the Senior Play 2019

Charles Dickens' classic 'A Christmas Carol' seemed to be a compelling choice for this year's production. With last year's tremendous productions of Twelfth Night, Bodywork and Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, it was certainly the year of comedy. It therefore seemed fitting to visit some darker territories for the first big production of this year (plus anyone that knows me will be aware that I can't remain dramatically light for too long!!)

The RSC version by John Mortimer goes back to the heart of the book, with a chilling and brooding ghost story. I think it is fair to say A Muppet Christmas Carol it is not. 'Scaring' an audience and creating tension is always a challenge, and it is one the cast, the technical crew and I have relished. Then of course, you have the wonderfully warm ending as Scrooge is redeemed, so whilst I hope you jump in your seats, I wish you to go home uplifted and ready for the festive season.

I would just like to thank the ever-wonderful technical team, Drama Department and catering crew. It certainly has not been an easy journey directing the senior play in my first term as the new Houseparent of SH, but their unwavering dedication has certainly helped beyond measure.

So, cuddle up to the person next to you and enjoy the ride!

*James Rochfort*  
Artistic Director

## CREW

*Director*  
*Technical Director*  
*Musical Director*  
*Choreography*

*Wardrobe*  
*Make-Up*

*Make-Up Assistants*

*Stage Manager*  
*Lights*  
*Sound*

James Rochfort  
Ben Bowley  
Oscar Tysoe  
Lauren Bright  
Jayne Spencer  
Heather Corden  
Caroline Steel  
Alexandra Steel  
Isabella Smart  
Liv Highton  
Jess Taylor  
Jasper Winsley  
Will Honey





# CAST

*Ebenezer Scrooge*  
*Young Scrooge*  
*School Boy Scrooge*

*Jacob Marley*  
*Ghost of Christmas Past*  
*Ghost of Christmas Present*  
*Ghost of Christmas Future*

*Bob Cratchit*  
*Mrs Cratchit*  
*Peter Cratchit*  
*Martha Cratchit*  
*Belinda Cratchit*  
*Tiny Tim*

*Scrooge's Nephew*  
*Nephew's Wife*  
*Nephew's Daughter*  
*Nephew's Son*

*First Gentleman*  
*Second Gentleman*

*Fan (Scrooge's Sister)*  
*Belle (Scrooge's Love)*  
*Dick Wilkins (Scrooge's Friend)*  
*Headmaster*

*Old Joe / Mr Fezziwig*  
*Charwoman / Mrs Fezziwig*  
*Mrs Dilber*  
*Undertaker's man*

Ben Gresswell  
Ben Wright  
Jasper Newnes

George McIntyre  
Charlotte Carter  
Todd Brades-Payne  
Nathan Querner Cysne

Jack Winzer  
Roza Matuszyk  
Myles Rattigan  
Cerys Squibb  
Arby Parker  
Max Hedley Lewis

Will Bucknell  
Honor Jones  
Georgie Goodwin  
Reuben Wielenga

Jack Swain  
Misha Pemberthy

Molly Clayton  
Liv Cowap  
Dan Stagg  
Duncan Johnson-Ferguson

Harry Charlesworth  
Freya Hadow  
Lucy Benson  
Ben Thornton-Wood



## Chorus

Scarlett Walshe - Kabir Mehra  
Maddie Marsh - Lottie Southgate  
Luke Thomas Everard - Bea Tanner  
Jess Payne - Kaira Hinchliffe  
Amos Curtis - Eliza Lloyd  
Eve Nugent - George Worcester  
Tom Swain - Freya Marr  
Eloise Holmes - Jemima Sides



# A WORD FROM OUR YEAR 13 LEAVERS...

## **BEN GRESSWELL**

Since making the transition from the prep school to senior school I have realised that the drama department is where I feel most comfortable. It has played a large role in my long time at Blundell's ever since year 7. Performing and helping backstage in various plays over the years has really given me the chance to experience just how hard the drama department works to put on a play. I have great admiration for the drama department and have enjoyed being part of it. Thank you for everything.

## **GEORGE MCINTYRE**

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 7 years working with the drama department and all the incredible staff. It has been such an enjoyable experience on stage and during the many hours off it. I am extremely thankful to every member of the drama team for all their help and support.

## **CHARLOTTE CARTER**

I never thought I'd say that I'll miss being told that my acting could put people to sleep or having a handful of talcum powder thrown at my face but I will miss the department hugely. They have been a family to me despite the fact that I didn't do GCSE Drama and encouraged me to be bolder both in acting and in life.

## **HARRY CHARLESWORTH**

During my time at Blundell's I have grown to love the drama department and everyone who works there. The department has always been a friendly and welcoming environment that allows me to relax and recover and the support that drama provides has been wonderful. Thank you for everything!

## **DAN STAGG**

A lot of my time at Blundell's and good memories have revolved around the drama department, with happy memories of the staff and productions I have been involved with. Many of my achievements at Blundell's would not have been possible without them and I am truly grateful for everything they have done.

## **FREYA HADOW**

My journey through Blundell's would not be complete without Drama! My work within the Drama Department has been a crucial part of my school experience, giving me a passion and something I truly want to pursue in life. It has also brought me together with people from a wide range of backgrounds and created bonds with friends across many year groups. I am excited to go on to study drama/acting later but cannot even start to believe anywhere would have such a caring, fun and brilliant department as Blundell's. Thank you all so much for your never-ending support.

## **ROZA MATUSZYK**

It is strange to think that A Christmas Carol is going to be my last school play, I've had so many wonderful experiences with the Drama department which have shaped me not only as an actor but as a person. I want to thank the entire Drama department for supporting and helping me throughout my time at Blundell's. I will always look back fondly on my time here and greatly appreciate being taught by such inspirational people.

## **TODD BRADES-PAYNE**

Of all my time at Blundell's I can't recall more enjoyment than being in the Drama department. The sense of freedom I got in lessons and plays has been extremely rewarding and through every production and piece of theatre, good days and bad days, the staff members have always pushed me to my fullest potential and for that I can't thank them enough.

## **JACK SWAIN**

During my time in the drama department, I have experienced many different productions from fun and light performances to dark and traumatic performances, guided by Mr Rochfort and Mrs Winsley throughout. In the future I will look back at the drama department with fond memories of times like GCSE's and A-Level lessons and performances with many different actors.









# THE CAST

**Ben Gresswell** - Ben's previous roles include Duke Orsino in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Marshal in *The Crucible* (Senior play 2017), Michael in *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me* (GCSE 2017), Crichton in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017), Elderly Fugitive in *Star Crossed* (9/10 play 2016), Oscar in *Bugsy Malone* (SH Play 2015). Ben is currently studying A-level drama and holds Full Colours for Drama and is the current Captain of Drama.

**Ben Wright** - Ben's previous roles include Liam in *Shooting Truth* (GCSE 2018), The Priest in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Mr Green in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), Rollerston in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017) and Shrimps in *Street Child* (Senior/SH Play 2016). Ben is currently studying A-Level Drama.

**Jasper Newnes** - Jasper is currently in Year 7. This is his first Senior School Play.

**George McIntyre** - George's previous roles include Nick in *human.exe* (A-Level devised 2019), Sebastian in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018) Neville in *Neville's Island* (GCSE 2017), Lord Brocklehurst in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017), Peter Bradshaw in *Star Crossed* (9/10 Play 2016). George is currently studying A-level drama and holds Half Colours for Drama.

**Charlotte Carter** - Since joining the school last year, Charlotte has played Curio in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018) and Tiffany in *Getting Emotional* (A-level devised 2019). She is currently studying A-Level Drama.

**Todd Brades-Payne** - Todd's previous roles include The Head Scientist in *human.exe* (A-Level devised 2019), Demetrius in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (GCSE 2017), Jim Barrie in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017), Blank in *Star Crossed* (9/10 Play 2016) and Dandy Dan in *Bugsy Malone* (SH Play 2015).

**Nathan Querner Cysne** - Nathan's previous roles include Raymond in the *Blue Remembered Hills* (GCSE 2019). Nathan is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Jack Winzer** - Jack's previous credits include Sir Andrew Aguecheek in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Doctor Dingus Merrymac in *Getting Emotional* (A-level Devised 2019), Tom in *Glass Menagerie* (GCSE 2018), Ernest in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017), Benji in *Star Crossed* (9/10 Play 2016), Bugsy in *Bugsy Malone* (SH Play 2015). Jack is currently studying A-level drama and holds Half Colours for Drama.

**Roza Matuszyk** - Roza's previous credits include Olivia in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Tituba in *The Crucible* (Senior Play 2017), Lady Brocklehurst in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 play 2017) and Gypsy Mother in *Star Crossed* (9/10 play 2016). Roza is currently studying A-level drama holds Half Colours for Drama.

**Myles Rattigan** - Myles' previous roles include Thomas in *Bull* (GCSE 2018). Myles is currently studying A-level Drama.

**Cerys Squibb** - Cerys' previous roles include Lillie in *The Heights* (GCSE 2019), Smell in *Bodywork* (9/10 play 2019), a waitress in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 play 2018), Bess in *Far from Home* (SH play 2017). Cerys is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Arby Parker** - Arby is currently in year 7. This is her first Senior School Play.

**Max Hedley Lewis** - Max is currently in Year 5 at Blundell's Prep School. This is his first Senior School Play.

**Will Bucknell** - Will's previous roles include The Soldier in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Thomas in *Bull* (GCSE 2018), The Butler in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), Treherne in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017), Jim Jarvis in *Street Child* (Senior/SH Play 2016) and John and Cagey Joe in *Bugsy Malone* (SH Play 2015). Will is currently studying A-Level Drama.

**Honor Jones** - Honor's previous roles include Victoria in *Just* (GCSE 2018), Mrs White in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 play 2018), Tweeny in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 play) and Milly in *Street Child* (Senior/SH Play 2016). Honor is currently studying A-Level Drama.

**Georgie Goodwin** - Georgie is currently in year 7. This is her first Senior School Play.

**Reuben Wielenga** - Reuben is currently in year 7. This is his first Senior School Play.

**Jack Swain** - Jack's previous roles include Peter in *Getting Emotional* (A-level Devised 2019), Peter in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 play 2017) and he was in *The Witches* (SH play 2014). Jack is currently studying A-Level Drama.

**Misha Pemberthy** - Misha's previous roles include Albert in *Just* (GCSE 2018), Second Officer in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Inspector in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018) and Captain in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017).

**Molly Clayton** - Molly's previous roles include Freya in *Shooting Truth* (GCSE 2018), Milly the Maid in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018) and Molly was in *Street Child* (Senior/SH play 2016). Molly is currently studying A-level Drama.

**Liv Cowap** - Liv's previous roles include Isobel in *Bull* (GCSE 2018), The Handmaid in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Miss Scarlet in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), Agatha in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017) and Slave Girl in *Street Child* (Senior/SH Play 2016). Liv is currently studying A-Level Drama.

**Dan Stagg** - Dan's previous roles include Scientist in *human.exe* (A-level Devised 2019) Wick in *Little Malcolm* (GCSE 2017), Rolston in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 play 2017), Anthony in *Star Crossed* (9/10 play 2016), and Fizzy in *Bugsy Malone* (SH Play 2015). Dan is currently studying A-Level Drama.



**Duncan Johnson-Ferguson** - Duncan's previous roles include: Demetrius in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (GCSE 2018), Sailor in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Lord St John Cholmondeley in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), 1st Footman in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2017), Johnny in *Street Child* (SH-Senior Play 2016), Fat Sam's Gang member in *Bugsy Malone* (SH Play 2015).

**Harry Charlesworth** - Harry's previous roles include, Sir Toby Belch in *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Court Clerk in *The Crucible* (Senior Play 2017), Lord Loam in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 play 2017), Blank in *Star-crossed* (9/10 play 2016), Fat Sam in *Bugsy Malone* (SH Play 2015) and The Chef in *The Witches* (SH Play 2014). Harry is currently studying A-level drama and holds Half Colours for Drama.

**Freya Hadow** - Freya's previous roles include Jen in *human.exe* (A-level Devised 2019), Maria in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* (Senior Play 2018), Mary in *Be My Baby* (GCSE 2017), Emily in *A Shortened Story* (Pupil Production 2018), Mercy Lewis in *The Crucible* (Senior Play 2017) and Lady Catherine in *The Admirable Crichton* (9/10 Play 2016). Freya is currently studying A-level drama and holds Half Colours for Drama.

**Lucy Benson** - Lucy's previous roles include Dara in *The Heights* (GCSE 2018) and Lady Cholmondeley-Peacock in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018). Lucy is currently studying A-Level drama.

**Ben Thornton-Wood** - Ben's previous credits include Tony in *Bull* (GCSE 2018) and Billy in *Street Child* (Senior/SH Play 2016).

**Amos Curtis** - Amos' previous roles include Peter in *Blue Remembered Hills* (GCSE 2019), Skin in *Bodywork* (9/10 play 2019), Keystone Cop in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), Mr Crick in *Far From Home* (SH play 2017). Amos is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Kaira Hinchliffe** - Kaira's previous roles include Victoria in *Just* (GCSE 2019), Sally in *Bodywork* (9/10 play 2019), Waitress in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 play 2018), Rosie in *Far From Home* (SH play 2017). Kaira is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Eloise Holmes** - Eloise's previous roles include Mrs Wright in *Just* (GCSE 2019), Taste in *Bodywork* (9/10 Play 2019), Waitress in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 play 2018), Aunt Gillian in *Far From Home* (SH Play 2017). Eloise is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Eliza Lloyd** - Eliza's previous roles include Ann in *Little Malcolm* (GCSE 2019), Flo in *Far From Home* (SH Play 2017). Eliza is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Freya Marr** - Freya's previous roles include the Appendix in *Bodywork* (9/10 Play 2019), Waitress in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), and Mrs Cleggins in *Far From Home* (SH Play 2017).

**Maddie Marsh** - Maddie's previous roles include Angela in *Blue Remembered Hills* (GCSE 2019) and Hair in *Bodywork* (9/10 Play 2019). Maddie is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Kabir Mehra** - Kabir's previous roles include Katurian in *The Pillowman* (GCSE 2019), and The Deltoid Muscle in *Bodywork* (9/10 Play 2019). Kabir is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Eve Nugent** - Eve's previous roles include the Stomach in *Bodywork* (9/10 Play 2019), Audrey in *Blue Remembered Hills* (GCSE 2019), a waitress in *Murder at The Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), Amy in *A Shortened Story* (Pupil Production 2017), Emily Jarvis in *Far From Home* (SH Play 2017) and Eve was in *Street Child* (Senior/SH Play 2016). Eve is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Jess Payne** - Jess' previous roles include Sight in *Bodywork* (Year 9/10 Play 2019), a waitress in *Murder at the Manor* (Year 9/10 play 2018), Miss Sarah in *Far From Home* (SH play 2017) and a Street Child in *Street Child* (SH/Senior play 2016). Jemima Sides - Jemima is currently in Year 7. This is her first Senior School Play.

**Lottie Southgate** - Lottie's previous roles include Dara in *The Heights* (GCSE 2019), the Brain in *Bodywork* (Year 9/10 play 2019), Waitress in *Murder at the Manor* (Year 9/10 play 2018), Alice in *A Shortened Story* (Pupil Production 2018), Lizzie in *Far From Home* (SH play 2017), and a Street Child in *Street Child* (Senior/SH play 2016). Lottie is currently studying Drama GCSE.

**Tom Swain** - Tom's previous roles include Wick in *Little Malcom* (GCSE 2019), Pituitary in *Bodywork* (9/10 Play 2019), a Keystone Cop in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), Shrimps in *Far From Home* (SH play 2017). Tom is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Bea Tanner** - Bea's previous roles include Leanne in *Shooting Truth* (GCSE 2019), Bud in *Bodywork* (9/10 Play 2019), Waitress in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018), Lucy in *A Shortened Story* (Pupil Production 2018) and Dolce in *Far From Home* (SH Play 2017). Bea is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Luke Thomas Everard** - Luke's previous roles include Jacob in *The Heights* (GCSE 2019), Adrenaline in *Bodywork* (9/10 play 2019), A Keystone Cop in *Murder at the Manor* (9/10 Play 2018). Luke is currently studying GCSE Drama.

**Scarlett Walshe** - Scarlett is new to the school this year and this is her first Blundell's production. She is currently studying Drama at A-level.

**George Worcester** - George's previous roles include Willie in *Blue Remembered Hills* (GCSE 2019), the Germ in *Bodywork* (9/10 play 2019) a police officer in *The Murder at the Manor* (9/10 play 2018) Sam in *Far from Home* (SH play 2017) and a street child in *Street Child* (Senior/SH play 2016). George is currently studying GCSE Drama.



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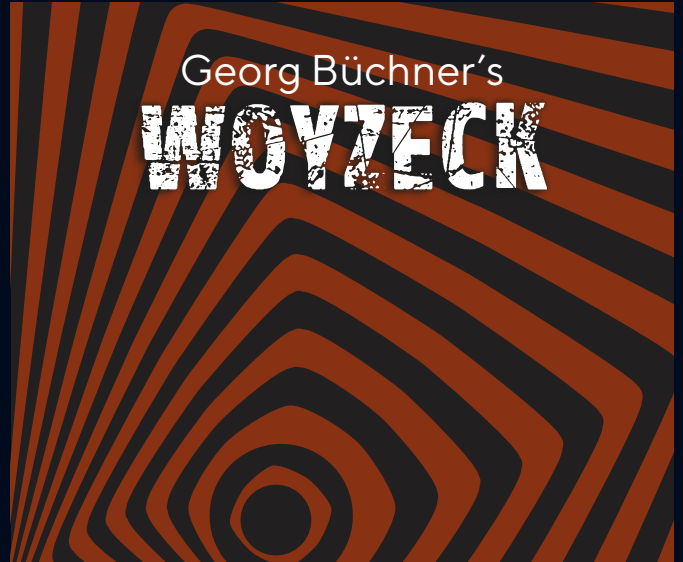
# COMING SOON

Steven Berkoff's  
**METAMORPHOSIS**



February 2020  
Year 13 Drama practical exam

Georg Büchner's  
**WOYZECK**



February 2020  
Year 13 Drama practical exam

**AN EVENING OF  
DEVISED THEATRE**



March 2020

Year 12 A-Level Students Present  
'*An Evening of Devised Theatre*'

*William Shakespeare's*  
**MUCH ADO  
ABOUT NOTHING**

March 2020

Year 9 & 10 Students Present  
'*Much Ado About Nothing*'