

Time travel becomes a reality for a year 9 drama class

On 10th July, the students studying drama at Rainham School for Girls were treated to a workshop lead by the Oxford-based Almost Random Theatre. Chris Sivewright led a group of actors as they performed for and acted with the year 9 students, exploring issues such as age discrimination and homelessness. The star of the show for the students was Peter Thomas, a cast member from the original series of Doctor Who, playing Captain Edal for a number of episodes in 1963. Peter helped the students create original plays, based on the characters in their class, answered many questions about the profession of acting and spent 45 minutes signing autographs at the end of the day. The admiration was mutual. “The students here are wonderful, and so enthusiastic about drama,” said Peter as he finally managed to make his way to his car for the return journey to Oxford. Yvonne Letchford, Head of Drama said, “The day has been a great success. The students were inspired by the company, who went out of their way to include everyone in the workshop.” Maddie Green, a sixth form drama student said “As an aspiring actor, spending time with people already working in the profession has helped me focus on my career path, and the younger students had a really exciting time!”