



School Bursaries Report – Welland Park Academy

Over the past 3 years, Welland Park Academy have been very fortunate to receive £60,000 from Market Harborough & The Bowdens Charity. This money has been used to develop our Performing Arts provision.

Our hope is to inspire current and future generations with state-of-the-art kit to help develop their thirst of self-improvement. The funds from MH&TBC have helped us concentrate on improving both the music and theatrical (Octagonal Hall) provision.

6 lighting companies were asked to survey the Octagonal Hall and advise how they would enhance the lighting. After reviewing all advice, quotes, and systems we approached internal clubs and groups and then community hirers. This was to ensure that whatever system the Academy decided to put in would benefit not only our students but also the wider school community.

Rocky Road Music were our preferred provider. Not only are they a local business, but they have also helped us in the past. Over the Summer holidays they completed a £40,000 improvement in the lighting system which has already made performances and shows immeasurably better.

We also looked at our music provision. In industry, Apple Macs are the preferred IT so we focused on getting the most for our money. I am very pleased to advise that the Academy was also able to contribute towards this, so along with some school reserves, we managed to make a £30,000 improvement to this area. This is really supporting the students in their lessons.

As an extra, the academy has added a £4,000 projector to the Octagonal Hall which now gives us the opportunity to have movie/presentation facilities.

All of these improvements will help an exciting and vibrant Performing Arts department develop future stars or music and stage!



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