

# Penarth Players Perform Shakespeare's Hamlet

During this academic year pupils from PGS have been working hard in their Drama lessons which culminated in them taking part in The Stockport Children's Shakespeare Festival 2018. Over the past six months our band of Penarth Players have immersed themselves in the epic poem Hamlet as they explored the story, characters and themes of the play.

The performance has also allowed us to develop a close relationship with Hursthead Primary School. As part of the performance we worked together to develop the story and perform on the day together.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 all the schools involved came together to perform at the world famous Lowry Theatre. Feedback from all present was that it was a superb performance and reflected on the hard work and commitment the pupils had shown during the course of the project.

Parents and carers along with school staff and governors attended the performance and were amazed by the mature performances delivered by the PGS players. "The group of students have worked extremely hard in preparation for their performance. I am very proud of their efforts and they have enhance so many key skills such as confidence, team work and self belief" said Mrs Nolan.

Headteacher Mr Watson said "The hard work and dedication of our students was matched by our expressive arts teacher Mrs Nolan and Mrs Priestley our teaching assistant who dedicated many hours in and out of school to ensure the students experienced a breadth of study and experiences through the project. Congratulations to all involved, we wait expectantly for next year's performance."

