

Richmond School

Press Release



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Richmond School dancers prepare for their big day

STUDENTS are limbering up for the second phase of a project working with a world class dance troupe.

Richmond School is among six in North Yorkshire which has teamed up with the internationally renowned Rambert Dance Company, as part of North Yorkshire County Council's flagship Arts in Education initiative.



Now, Year 10 and Year 12 pupils are warming up for the next instalment – a spectacular production to be staged in Ripon Cathedral.

The GCSE and A Level students are expecting a much more technically and creatively challenging programme in the run up to the performance on May 6.

To help them prepare they will rehearse at school and also on a residential weekend at Beverley Park, near Pateley Bridge, later this month.

Head of dance at Richmond School Victoria Hargest said: "Last year was a fantastic experience for the girls and they were all inspired by working with the Rambert Dance Company.

"This year promises to be something very special taking them onto another plain and culminating in a spectacular performance."

In 2003 Richmond School won specialist status for creative arts attracting extra funding for teaching and projects.

Interest in dance has boomed with many students taking GCSE and A Levels, going on to study at university and securing jobs in the profession.

Student Charlotte Porter, of Reeth, said: "It is going to be a new experience working with the professionals at this high level."

Claudia McQue, of Richmond, added: "We are really excited. Knowing that we are going to perform with the Rambert is amazing. I would love to be a professional dancer one day and getting the opportunity to work at their level now is going to really help me."

