



Moor House School News and Events

Students see HORRIBLE HISTORIES & RUTHLESS ROMANS at The Hawth Theatre, Crawley

17th October 2007



On October 17th, the five students from Year 11 GCSE Drama Option Group and 3M had a very stimulating morning to say the least!

This theatre company, using only 5 actors, bring history alive by dynamic staging and special effects.

The two hours sped by as we were transported from a graphic depiction of the founding of Rome (the Romulus and Remus story) through the gathering momentum of the Empire and the conquering of Europe and beyond.

We were gruesomely involved in a fearsome confrontation with our own Boadicea, and had a "Weakest Link" spoof to choose the vilest, cruellest Emperor (much cheering and booing here!).

The company employs a slapstick method to introduce historical points, and whilst the students are laughing and becoming engrossed in the drama, they are also learning 'by the back door' so to speak!

After the interval, 3D glasses were worn, and the effects of arrows, spears and Roman soldiers leaping at you produced very loud screaming!

The Year 11 History options group had a brief to look at how, and if, the dramatic methods / techniques worked and why. This led to a very interesting post-production discussion.

For some of the Year 9's this was their first visit to the theatre, and an invaluable introduction to the pleasure that live performance can bring.