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Students prepare to demonstrate the power of dance with Bertolt

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Dance students are looking forward to taking to the stage at Stantonbury Theatre next month with an interpretation of Bertolt Brecht's parable play, *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*.

The narrative, which is set in 1930s Chicago and follows the swift rise to power of the fictional gangster Arturo Ui, will be brought to life by Attitude School of Dance.

Based at Chestnuts Primary School in Bletchley, Attitude School of Dance has been running for 12 years and offers classes in many styles of dance.

The cast for this production are aged two to 25-years-old and have been fitting rehearsals in around their normal dance classes since January.

With musical influences from the 1920s and 1930s, the story of *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* will be recreated through a mixture of Russian Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Street, Contemporary and Character



Gangster's story: the Attitude School of Dance.

dance. Principal Kelly Govier said: "The arts can be a fantastic medium to teach so many academic subjects both within and outside of school time."

"The students have all taken so much away from this modern classic and have found the

mixture of creativity of theatre and the historical facts very engaging.

"This work really shows the audience that there is no limit to what can be achieved and everyone involved has really risen to the challenge."

Attitude School of Dance will present *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* at Stantonbury Theatre at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3. Tickets are £14, or £10 for concessions. Visit <http://www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk> to book.

Job tips for pupils

Employers gave Year 9 pupils at St Paul's Catholic School an insight into getting jobs during a "Career Workout" session organised by Worktree. During the Get That Job exercise, the pupils met with representatives from a number of major organisations.

These included the Open University, Network Rail, NHBC, Army Careers, Santander and Dentons.

The students met representatives from the organisations in a speed-dating format.

The teacher responsible for work-related learning activities at St Paul's is Nicola Parkins.

She said: "These sessions are very important for our pupils as they help them develop the skills they will need for the workplace."

"We're very grateful to all the employers who gave up their time to be with our pupils and to share their expert knowledge. "Our pupils will find this very useful as they will be going on work experience next year."



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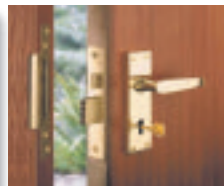
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Canine charity challenge beats school target



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There was a buzz – and a bark – of excitement around Thornton College's 25-acre grounds during the school's very first Paws for a Cure Canicross event.

A total of 159 runners and 49 dogs were welcomed to the special fundraising event, which asked runners to tackle distances of 10k or 5k.

A team of Year 12s organised the event to help Medical Detection Dogs, which is a

Great Horwood-based charity which trains dogs to detect the smell of cancer and other life-threatening diseases but receives no government funding.

The sixth formers were set the challenge of raising £2,000 and in return, a puppy would be named Thornton!

They secured generous sponsorship from Steven Eaggell Toyota, Milton Keynes Veterinary Group and Audi.

The students were thrilled to not only meet their target but exceed it, raising a total of £3,600.



Day for dogs: the fun event at Thornton College for Medical Detection Dogs.

Invite to open event

Families are invited to attend an open morning at Holmwood School in Great Holm which is being staged on Saturday, May 20.

The school already offers 180 places to children aged from four to seven-years-old and it says it is proud to share the news that its brand-new purpose built nursery will take 26 children aged three and four-years-old when it opens in September.

Staff will welcome visitors from 10am until 12 midday to give families their first opportunity to view the new building and learn about what Holmwood School can offer.

There will be fun and games for the children, a talk by the Executive Headteacher Claire Sharples and a tour of the grounds.

Anyone interested in the new purpose-built nursery or the open event can call 01908 260596 for more information.

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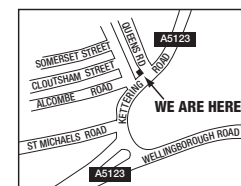
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