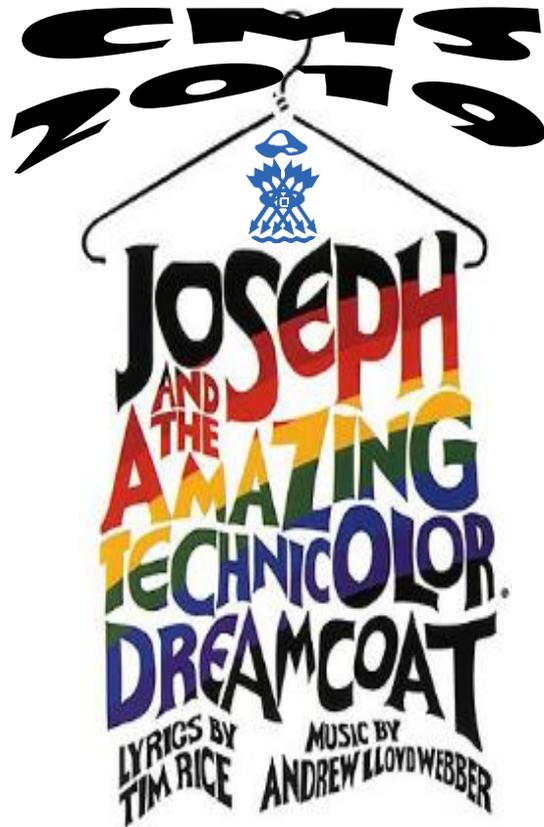


# CMS 2019



JOSEPH  
AND THE  
AMAZING  
TECHNICOLOR  
DREAMCOAT  
LYRICS BY  
TIM RICE  
MUSIC BY  
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

After 4 months of twice weekly rehearsals, Cranborne Middle School's **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** began its four- show run on Friday last week, and WOW, what a show! Full of energy and promising talent, it was easy to forget that even the eldest cast member is only 12 years old!

A matinee for the local first schools kicked off the shows on Friday 22nd March. The children were captivated throughout and their teachers really impressed with our budding performers. Monday night brought a short-lived but fairly major technical hitch (no mikes and no lights!), however, it only served to further demonstrate the maturity and professionalism of the children, who clearly knew that "the show must go on!". The cast and musicians knew their stuff so well that their performance went on like a well-oiled machine!



Tuesday night and Wednesday night could not have gone more smoothly, with the children looking very relaxed with their new-found stardom. Audience participation added to the buzzing atmosphere, as did the drawing of the raffle and the giving out of thank you gifts at the end of the final show.

Harry was spot on in the role of Joseph, seeming perfectly at ease with his character and offering a huge amount of stage presence. The passion with which he delivered the songs, his facial expressions and use of eye contact really brought his character to life for the audience. With no musical theatre training outside of school productions, this is one naturally gifted young man!

A host of talented boys and girls filled the roles of Joseph's brothers and their wives, demonstrating well-rehearsed "big group" choreography, whilst Potiphar and Potiphar's unscrupulous wife were convincingly played by Ryan and Olivia.

Stanley as the Pharaoh demonstrated plenty of vocal talent, he dealt with the diversity of his character's songs superbly, and effectively delivered intended humour.

The actors were incredibly well supported by the singing narrators, Emily and Lauren, who hit some seriously high notes (without breaking any glass!) and used engaging facial expression to carry the audience effortlessly through the story. The Butler (Violet) and the Baker (Isabelle) also successfully rose to the challenge of producing the high notes commanded by this musical.

In gorgeous, brightly coloured, "Joseph" printed T-shirts, the ensemble brought harmonious vocal support and a sea of colour to the stage throughout the show.

The creativity and attention to detail were superb and the costumes, props and sets simply fantastic. The directors, Miss Jennings and Miss Trepess have worked tirelessly, together with Mrs Everett on the costumes and Miss Mills heading up the backstage crew, to make the show such a success. Each and every member of the cast, band and support crew gave the show their all. It was indeed a performance to rave about and one of which CMS is very proud!

