

So You Think You Can Dance City Competition 2019

The annual city wide Dance Competition 'So You Think You Can Dance' run by Inspire Together, the School Sports Partnership was held on Wednesday 7th December at Crown Hills Community College. Every year the partnership choose a stimulus for all the schools involved to work from, this year the stimuli was 'Diversity'. The standard of performance and the interpretation of the theme from all the performers was extremely high. Rushey Mead Academy entered two soloists and two groups for the competition.

Solo 1 – 'I have a voice' by Drea Naik

This solo has been inspired by the death of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement. Drea has explored with idea that everyone has a voice, and everyone needs to be heard no matter what your background is.

Solo 2 – 'VI' by Rhea Parekh

Rhea has looked at what makes people different (diverse) and is celebrating the fact that being different does not have to be negative, it can be inspiring. Rhea's solo celebrates the Visually Impaired community and how being blind can be empowering and enables us to see from a different perspective. We have students at Rushey Mead who are VI and at the start of the solo the voice recording is from one of our students during a research interview for this dance.

Group 1 – 'Diverse in our city' Rushey Mead 1

Lairae Corjuenkar, Mahima Nitin, Sarika Champac, Aashvi Thakkar, Manasvi Raut, Jessica Ramaiya, Kiasha Hill. (Year 9 & 10)

We looked at our city of Leicester and wanted to celebrate how diverse it is. We all represent a different cultures and at the end of our dance we show all how everyone can come together and celebrate diversity.

Group 2 – 'Everyone can Dance' Rushey Mead 2

Jia Joshi, Khayani Parmar, Rudraani Tacur. (Year 7)

Diversity is any dimension that can be used to differentiate groups and people from one another. It's about empowering people by respecting and appreciating what makes them different, in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, education, and national origin. We love dancing and wanted to show that dancing is for everyone regardless of gender.

Overall, the evening was an enormous success and all we would like to thank all the parents and carers who came to support at the event. All the dancers who represented Rushey Mead Academy did the school proud. Congratulations.

Group Results

1st = Rushey Mead Academy 1

2nd = Rushey Mead Academy 2

3rd = Crown Hills Community College

Solo Results

1st = Fulhurst Community College

2nd = Moat Community College

3rd = Orchard Mead Academy





