

Chloe Wilson Graduates from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts – 23rd April 2018

It is with great joy and pride that I can share the news that one of our young Welsh students, Chloe Wilson, graduated from the New York American Academy of Dramatic Arts on the 23rd April 2018 at the Majestic Theatre on Broadway.

Chloe attended Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda where she successfully studied and attained her A Levels in 2016.

After securing one of the scarce places at the acclaimed Academy, Chloe embarked on her journey to New York two years ago in order to fulfil her dream of learning her 'Art' at one of the sought after Academies for nurturing talent and has had the opportunity to perform on the stages in New York City.

Not only do I wish to recognise the significant achievement of graduating after two years at the Academy I also want to celebrate the significant achievement of Chloe also being invited into the prestigious New York Company for her third year. The 'Company' Led by co-directors Jonathan Bolt, veteran actor, director and playwright; and Barbara Rubin, director, acting and dialect coach, the Academy Company performs a wide range of plays from classical to contemporary, which are performed before an invited audience of Academy guests, agents, casting directors and other industry professionals.

It has been wonderful to follow Chloe's journey and keep in touch with her – she will always be a Valleys and Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda Girl at heart and it's lovely to see her flying the Welsh flag!!

On her graduation Chloe said:

"On Monday the 23rd I was lucky enough to graduate from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts with some of the most kind, unique, talented, beautiful, vulnerable, supportive and brave people that I have had the privilege of meeting. My heart is heavy knowing that some of us have to part ways for a while but I know that the family and friendships we have created are strong enough to last a lifetime. I love my graduating class of 2018 for so many reasons and I am so grateful for all that I have learned from them and this amazing school. But most importantly, I couldn't have done any of this without the unconditional love and support from all of my family who I am forever grateful for letting me follow my lifelong dream in my favourite place in the world. Little 9 year old me has been dreaming of this day, and I couldn't help but pinch myself as I walked across the Stage at The Phantom of the Opera's Majestic Theatre! (Quite majestic, I must say) This is just the beginning which is the most exciting part of it all! For now, I will have to enjoy being an unemployed, "starving," actor! Thank you thank you thank you all for playing such an important, memorable role in my life"

To those of you that love studying music, drama and singing like I did follow that dream – I am proof that they can come true if you work hard and open yourself up to the opportunities that you are presented with!