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Trip to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to see 'Nell Gwynn' By Helena Christina Pinto Veiga (Year 10)

On the 5th May, my Drama class and I went to watch *Nell Gwynn* at the famous Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. It was a fantastic and captivating play. The play has inspired me in many different ways. It has made me feel more confident in myself than I was before, both in my own acting skills and in the way I feel about myself. I am happy that Miss took us to watch it.

It was really informative to go and watch a play by the same playwright as the play we are studying for the GCSE exam. It has shown me that the issue of women's rights is a key concern for Jessica Swale. In the play, Nell Gwynn was presented as a woman not of her time. The way she punched through the glass ceiling and spoke for herself, for her gender and for her class is inspirational. In *'Blue Stockings'* you see the women doing exactly the same thing.

It was not difficult understanding the dialogue even though the language was unfamiliar because of the way they used space, proxemics, voice and gestures to convey the meaning. There was a great relationship between the actors and the audience where they used us as groundlings to become part of the performance in that they invaded the audience in some of the scenes and directly addressed us in the asides.

Nell Gwynn has shown me that as an actor/actress, the dialogue, use of voice and movement in singing and dancing all contributes to the role. It has opened my eyes as an actress.

I also really liked the challenges that Miss set for us in the lead up to the play where we all had to do different acting tasks in public. It helped us develop our confidence in public speaking and work as a team to win those Frappuccino prizes in Starbucks!

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