

## *Music* at TBS Warsaw

This year the Nord Anglia Juilliard Performing Arts programme extended from Music to include Dance which included the addition of two professional Dance teachers, Chris & Joanna Ernest joining the team. Over 150 Dance students from Reception through to Year 8 had the opportunity to be involved in these lessons. Over the course of the year, students performed in termly recitals that were oversubscribed and had the opportunity to perform at the prestigious Polskiego Radia Concert Hall at a Gala event where tickets sold out in a matter of days. The Gala event included 220 musicians and 98 dancers in over 40 performances in 2 hours with full concert lighting.

Our Choir performers, String Ensembles and Jazz Band attended two international tours and performed alongside musicians from NAE schools across Europe and Middle East. A professional video is available on TBS's YouTube channel with Marianna Korek, our IB Music specialist, who performed "Sway" with the Jazz Band and said "accompanying a full Big Band on the Jazz standard was definitely a highlight of the year"

Professionally Mr Gibson, our Head of Music completed a two-year Masters study on the collaboration with The Juilliard School and shared his findings with the school community. The research has led to further embedding of Creative Classroom resources and students accessing more opportunities through the collaboration including Mai Ngoc, who will attend The Juilliard School over the summer.

Mr Gibson's also hosted visiting artists and some of his graduates including Emma Henderson from Australia and Polish Composer Mike Majer to inspire and offer music advice to the IGCSE students. Klaudia from the University of West London (UWL) also presented on how to best take advantage of the opportunities on offer at the UWL campus and tips for audition techniques.









TBS Warsaw also held ABRSM & Rock School Exams for over 200 students which were held over 5 days and two studios reflecting the phenomenal growth in our offering.

The graduating IB Diploma class performed at recitals, official school events and peer taught some of the Year 11 Music students in composition. This led to strong results, further use of Logic Pro X and gave valuable teaching experience to the Year 13's. The Choral programme has grown for the second year and The British Embassy were very grateful for once again providing the official performance at their Christmas Carol event.

## Jaime Gibson Director of Performing Arts



