

## Wallands as a Stage



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## Wallands does Will

Wallands has a rich legacy of encouraging and recognising excellence in the performing arts. Each year parents and pupils come together for a public performance of Wallands does Will in association with the Kaleidoscope Theatre Company.

Our latest performance was The Tempest where more than seventy parents and pupils came together for five days to audition, create costumes, props and sets, learn lines, rehearse all culminating in a grand performance.



## Wallandsfest

In Autumn every year, the schools hosts Wallandsfest, the schools big camping weekend. Visitors are invited to pitch a tent and enjoy a weekend of varied activities, events and performances. Organised by the Friends of Wallands, the festival host local musical talent with both indoors and outdoor performances (follow these youtube links for Wallandfest fun <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGycereiOYA> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GY5tTe6qgig> )





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## Improving our performance

Lewes has an enviable reputation for creativity with live music from local bands and art being a common accompaniment to day to day life in the community. Outdoor theatrical performances, proms, parades and festivals are the norm. As part of that community, and with a school strategy that promotes excellence that includes sport,



culture and the arts as key elements of lifelong learning, our outdoor learning project includes further developing our outdoor space to provide a bespoke outdoor performance area.

With the South Downs National Park as a backdrop the intention is to remodel our part of our grounds in the style of an outdoor amphitheatre with the performance area being screened by trees acting as the wings. A semi circular sloped seating area will provide space for an audience of 120 people.



The outdoor performance area will allow us to build on our track record of delivering performances and events and of supporting the local performing arts community by providing another community venue for performances in our unique setting. It will also allow us to expand our own arts programme, as well as local schools who can use our venue, and allow greater access during the summer school break for community use.