



## Showtime at Francis Holland

*Francis Holland students lit up the West End stage with their production of 'Made in Dagenham'*

In the spring term, students from Year 7 to Year 13 at Francis Holland School, Sloane Square took to the West End for a performance of the musical *Made in Dagenham*. Staged at the Adelphi, one of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's family of six iconic theatres, it was also the place where the first ever theatrical performance of the show happened in 2014.

The first day the girls were even able to rehearse in the theatre, all previous rehearsals having taken place in the school hall. The performance attracted an audience of over 500 to watch the show about the Ford sewing machinists' strike of 1968 to fight for equal pay and conditions.



The Francis Holland production of *Made in Dagenham* took place at the Adelphi Theatre

Amazing props included a real-life vintage Ford car, sourced and transformed by the FHS Art and Facilities Departments, for the musical number '*Cortina*'. FHS is renowned for its performing arts and puts on 12 productions a year, ranging from classic drama to physical theatre. Notable alumnae include Sienna Miller and Emerald Fennell.

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