

The Drama Department at Charters School Proudly Present

DNA

Written by Dennis Kelly



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Director: Miss L Jordan

Assistant Director: Mr A Jay

Technician: Ronan

Stage Manager: Cara & Phoebe

15th and 16th of January 2026

Plot Summary

DNA by Dennis Kelly is a gripping, darkly comic drama that follows a group of teenagers whose lives are upended after a dangerous prank spirals out of control.

Faced with the possibility of real consequences, they band together to manage the situation, quickly discovering that lying is easier than facing the truth.

As their cover-up becomes increasingly elaborate, the group's shifting alliances, rising tensions, and uneasy moral compromises expose the fragile dynamics that hold them together.

Equal parts unsettling and compelling, the play invites its audience to question how far people will go to protect themselves and what happens when a collective decision takes on a life of its own.

The Cast



Maddy as Leah



Sophia as Leah



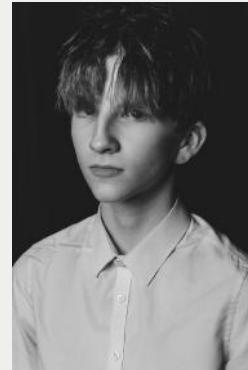
Isabella as Leah



Seb as Adam



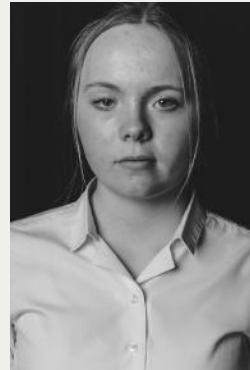
Benji as Phil



Sam as Phil



Noah as John Tate



Georgia as Cathy



Alice as Cathy

The Cast



Mathilde as Richard



Anya as Richard



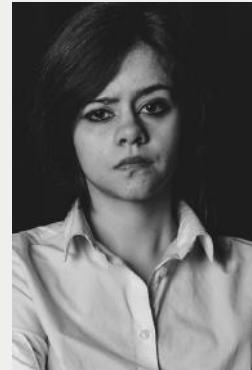
Kyle as Mark



Harrison as Mark



Florence as Jan



Shushana as Jan



Alice as Lou

The Cast



Ben as Brian



Zach as Danny



Tessa as Ensemble



Nicole as Ensemble



Abigail as Adam

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Also our thanks to all those who have supported us within the school including Mrs A Wium, Mr D Hartwell, Mrs K Hartwell, Mrs C Torlop and all those who have helped in the rehearsal process.

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Production and Rehearsal Process

Our students have approached the rehearsal process for this production of DNA with exceptional dedication and professionalism. From their committed line learning to their consistent attendance at rehearsals from September through January, their effort, creativity, and developing acting craft have been truly remarkable. We are immensely proud of their hard work and are delighted to share the outstanding results of their commitment with you.



Cast Comments

I've really enjoyed being a part of DNA as it has introduced to so many likeminded people and brought me closer to everyone in the drama space of Charters, DNA has also given me a sense of responsibility and drive to push myself and show others my enthusiasm for the performing arts. I really look forward to our rehearsals and can't wait to put on the best show possible.

Harrison - Playing Mark

Being part of our production of 'DNA' has been a really exciting opportunity. It's been fun to challenge ourselves with a dark comedy script and I love the various characters. I've particularly enjoyed developing and learning more about them throughout our rehearsal process. The thing I love most about being a part of this production has been getting to work with a cast of year 10 & 11 drama students. It's been lovely to get to know people and form friendships across the year groups and the department.

Sophia - Playing Leah

I have had such an amazing time creating this intricate play, and being able make friends within the cast! It's been so special to create and I can't wait to perform - thank you for this opportunity!

Maddie - Playing Leah

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