

Roles for city pupils in historic drama

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MYSTERY ROLE: Queen's School girls in rehearsals for their role in the Chester Mystery Plays.

GIRLS at The Queen's School will be playing their part in the Chester Mystery Plays this summer.

Pupils are working alongside Jigsaw Music Theatre Company to put together dramatic pieces of work for pre-show and interval entertainment during the run at Chester Cathedral in June and July.

The youngsters are also creating animal head masks for the main production and senior school girls have also taken part in a writing workshop with mystery plays scriptwriter Stephanie Dale.

The Chester Mystery Plays were originally written in the 14th century by monks at the Abbey of St Werburgh, now Chester Cathedral.

There are 25 original plays, which tell Bible stories from the Creation to the Resurrection and 12 plays are included in Dale's new adaptation for the 2013 cycle.

Headmistress Sarah Clark said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for all budding actors and musicians at the school and I know the girls will give it their all. I'm looking forward to seeing what they produce as we have so much talent it is sure to be of a very high standard."