

I don't know how to start writing this letter, so 'Lets start at the very beginning, a very good place to start' (An inside joke seemed the way forward)

Firstly, I am writing this letter to officially leave this fantastic company. Centre stage has brought me such a long way and has been a magnificent part of my childhood/teenage years. I almost can't believe this chapter of my life coming to an end, time flies when you're having fun.

Secondly, I'd like to thank each and every person who played a part in making my experience in Centre stage unforgettable. The people I've met and the lifelong friendships I have made are incredible. The memories made during rehearsals and on the pavilion stage with Mark, Sue, Simon and many other seniors, and the previous and current members of the society have been truly magical, and I have no doubt in my mind that these memories will remain with me throughout my life, and be the best to look back on. So thank you so much for that!

Centre stage, though challenging, has always been so much fun, there hasn't been a dull moment to date. There is always something going on, be it, a show, a summer concert, a leaflet drop, a Christmas concert, a London trip, an anniversary concert, a carnival, another RANDOM concert, and, even the odd LIVE radio interview. There is an insane amount of hard work behind it all, and I hope you always know how grateful I am, and how much it means to everyone. It's such a wonderful thing for the community, and for that you should be proud.

Centre stage gave me an experience that I don't think I could have ever had anywhere else. For starters, being able to come together 3 times a week with all your friends to do something you love is just the best. The relationships you make are so different to any other, each and every member contributes so much to creating something magic. It wouldn't have been the same without every single person involved. Also, Being able to audition, rehearse and perform a show on a stage, in a fantastic theatre, in front of a huge audience is just, wow, You don't get that anywhere else, and for Centre stage to provide it all so professionally, purely based on their love for the theatre is just such a dream.

Show week is always outstanding. I will miss the long tech rehearsals and the 5 minute calls, the dressing room banter and everyone involved backstage. I don't think there is one thing i won't miss.

I really wouldn't be the person I am today if it wasn't for Centre stage. All the support and help I've been given has pushed me to become a much more confident performer, so again, thank you. I remember when I first auditioned, I knew the stage was where I had to be, and thanks to you, I've had the chance to be up there 3,4 times a year! 'I Still Believe' that the stage is where I have to be, and I will hold with me everything I have learnt from you in whatever I choose to do.

I am so proud to be (or have been) a member of this truly great society, and the community and you should be very proud of what you are doing/have done.

Again, Thank you so much for giving me such an experience and being so wonderful. I can't wait to be a part of the overwhelmed audience when you deliver brilliance in all future shows to come!

Lots of Love

Pops

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