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# “DID MY HEART LOVE ‘TILL NOW?” - A remarkable production of Romeo & Juliet!

Produced and Performed by  
**Westfield School**  
Courtyard Theatre, Hereford  
11 November 2016  
Appraised by **Robert Beck**

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of Westfield School on their fantastic production! I'd like to highlight a few things from this group that stood out, wowed the audience and made this Shakespeare Schools Festival night an evening to remember.

A massive well done to the members of your company who made your props. Similarly, congratulations to Jordon, your technical student, who operated the sounds in your show like a professional.

The cast did a great job using mime and physical story telling in their piece. I was very impressed by the strong characterisation on display from each member of the company.

I loved the ball scene in the show. It was bright and vibrant, highlighted by the company's brilliant dancing!

You chose a very cool and inventive way of telling the story. I really liked the use of phones and text messages in the show. It made the story telling clear and the audience were able to relate to it.

As a company, you have been so wonderfully enthusiastic and energetic throughout this process and were clearly having a lot of fun on stage. This came shining through in this highly entertaining piece - you should be very proud of your work!

**“It's a significant achievement to do something as difficult and aspirational as perform one of Shakespeare's plays on a professional stage. Everyone who's taken part should be so proud of themselves.”**  
**Ruth Brock, SSF Chief Executive**

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see your school in the Festival again next year.

Robert Beck  
SSF Stage Director