

## **PAST MEETS PRESENT AT THE PROJECT**

Seventy-six 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year students recently travelled to The Project Theatre ,Dublin to see past pupil Yasmine Akram in her new one woman show ‘10 Dates with Mad Mary‘. This play was well received by Drogheda audiences when it ran here for three nights last December. Calipo Theatre Company agreed to put on a special matinee performance of the play for us during their recent successful run in The Project.



Yasmine Akram with some of our group in the foyer of The Project Theatre

The play is set in Drogheda and follows the fortunes and

misfortunes of 23 year old Mary McArdle ,the so called 'best fighter' in town. We really enjoyed following Mary on her quest to find a 'nice boy' to take to her best friend's wedding. Written and performed by Yasmine, this play is appropriately billed as 'a romantic comedy(sort of)'. While it is very very funny it is also tinged with sadness as Mary's past comes back to haunt her.

We particularly enjoyed the many references to local places like Earth ,Fusion , Rathmullen ,the Ramparts ,Caffery's Monumental Works and of course the Ollies. Yasmine's portrayal of Mary's character is truly believable with her well executed Drogheda accent and use of very colourful local lingo. We thoroughly enjoyed Yasmine's performance and were delighted when she agreed to meet us for photos and a chat afterwards.

Did Mary find a suitable date and does she live happily ever after? Well you will just have to go to the play to find out! Watch out for it as it really is a must see. Be prepared for some strong language!! We did say it was true to life. Also watch out for Yasmine Akram. Hollywood awaits we think. These present pupils are so proud of this past pupil.

Classes 381 390 and 50



Yasmine with us after the show



Jamie Cassidy (380) presented Yasmine with flowers  
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