



'The Legend of Merlin'

Annual School productions have been a longstanding tradition at Bishop's; however, during the Covid-19 pandemic, staging a live production was impractical. Hence, for the first time ever, the staff and students at the Bishop's School and Junior College, Camp produced a full-fledged film, *The Legend of Merlin*.

A brainchild of our skilled director and writer, Mrs Gulnar Mistry, '*The Legend of Merlin*' is a fast-paced musical, which attempts to distil all the seasons of the BBC series, '*Merlin*' into a two-and-a-half-hour film. Production began in September 2021 and lasted for around six months after. Most of it took place on the school's campus itself with

the students playing all the major and minor roles. The technical aspect of the production was overlooked by members of the faculty and a few members of our extremely talented alumni body.



This project was supposed to be screened in front of the entire student body in December 2021, but due to a rise in Covid cases, the premiere was scheduled for the evening of 13th April 2022 at the Lorna Roberts Auditorium of the Bishop's School, Camp.

The black-tie event was graced by many dignitaries from different walks of life and included the Governing Body members of the Bishop's Education Society and the administrative heads of our sister schools. Members of the cast and crew showed up immaculately dressed and walked the red carpet with utmost grace while they



were photographed by members of our photography club and interviewed by the hosts for the evening, Mr Gary Wright, and Mrs Michelle Bhutia.

Every person involved with the project was felicitated with a trophy, and a scroll containing a personal note expressing the school's gratitude for their involvement in this project.



The screening was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience who filled the hall with an uproar of laughter and applause very often. The critics present were in awe of the writing and artistic expression of the film.



The assistant director, Ms Vinanya Patil sums it up perfectly, "Being our first time creating a film, the team went through their fair share of hurdles. However, at the end of it all, we had created countless unforgettable memories, experiences and accomplishments that one would not dare to forget."

This production was meant to be a mere film, but it ended up creating a family, and it just goes to show what Bishopites can achieve when they put their mind to it!



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