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# “I do love nothing in the world so well as you.”: A fantastic production of *Much Ado About Nothing*

**Produced and Performed by**  
**Sherbourne Fields School**

THE BELGRADE THEATRE, COVENTRY

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**Appraised by Matilda Thaddeus-Johns**



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Sherbourne Fields School on their wonderful production of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Belgrade Theatre. This was an accomplished and original production, and I'd like to highlight a few key elements which really stood out for me.

- The ensemble in this production had brilliant energy. This was particularly evident in the electrifying opening, where the whole cast created the busy atmosphere of the office of Leonato's INC, giving us a glimpse of all of the different characters. What a brilliant start to the show.
- I would especially like to commend this cast on their fantastic storytelling – you really took the audience on a journey, with so many different emotions. From the great receptionist narrator in the office, who told us everything we needed to know, to the tweets which showed rumours spreading, the audience loved finding out what was going to happen next.
- I loved the moments of tragedy alongside the comedy in this production - when Hero was denounced at the altar, the reaction of the wedding guests was so moving.



I was so impressed by the way the cast created the relationships between the characters – these were so convincing, and so comedic. I loved the fiery argument between Beatrice and Benedict, where everyone got involved – I hope that you could hear the audience's laughter! I would especially like to applaud this cast for their hard work in supporting each other and bringing fantastic energy (and great previous SSF experience!) to the stage. Brilliant work by all performers – the audience so enjoyed each of your ideas and scenes.

This production was energetic, modern and entertaining. A huge congratulations to all the cast and crew who made it happen. I hope to see Sherbourne Fields School in the Festival again in 2016.

**Matilda Thaddeus-Johns**

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