

# Thespian studies

At LPC United World College, students enjoy a huge range of courses and activities outside the classroom to help further their development. Theatre is a huge part of that process

**A** RIPPLE of laughter ran through the audience at Lee Quo Wei hall (利國偉堂) at Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong (LPCUWC, 香港李寶椿聯合世界書院), where students were watching *The Comedy of Errors*, the shortest of William Shakespeare's more farcical plays. The actors and actresses are Year 2 students who are also aiming to raise funds for the college, from which they will graduate this summer. "Theatre arts are interesting, and are a creative way to learn the language," says student Ivan So Ka-ki (蘇嘉麒).

### The Comedy of Errors

IVAN plays Antipholus, one of the leading roles in the comedy. Antipholus is a twin, accidentally separated from his sibling when still very young. The same fate also befalls their twin servants. A series of mishaps and mistaken identities occur many years later, after both sets of now adult twins find themselves in the same city. The director Steve Reynolds adapted the play to be 90 minutes long. "The backdrop is a white wall with six doors, representing different places in the play," Reynolds explains. He was the artistic director of a London (倫敦) youth theatre and later founded one in Tanzania (坦桑尼亞). He joined LPCUWC in 2005 as the director of Education Outside the Classroom programme (EOTC).

### Theatre education

EOTC is a programme that focuses on learning outside the classroom context in order to help students develop other skills and talents. They include community and campus service, as well as creative and sports activities. The theatre is part of the programme, and this time the students only had three weeks of preparation before the show. In addition to understanding Shakespearean language and memorising their lines, Reynolds says he encourages students to think about why some characters act in certain ways, as theatre is also "a quest for the truth".



### Meet and greet

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LPCUWC's Year 2 students perform Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*.



Ivan So (R) plays one of the leading roles, Antipholus, in the play.



Director Steve Reynolds (in black) teaches students how to relax at the start of a rehearsal.



The college's young actors shine on stage, despite having only three weeks to prepare.

### Vocabulary

ripple (n) 陣陣(笑聲/掌聲)  
farcical (adj) 滑稽的

mishap (n) 小事故  
context (n) 背景

line (n) 台詞  
quest (n) 追尋