

# Ben Pavitt

2005 - 2021

Ben was a talented performer on stage as he proved several times whilst performing with Debut Youth Theatre, which I had the honour of being Chairman of. He was amazing to watch and showed the same passion and talent that his parents show on stage themselves, creating all the highly memorable characters pictured here.

Although he endured 15 months of treatment, he didn't complain but battled on, an inspiration to family and friends. When at one stage the disease went into remission he went back to school and smashed his GCSEs. And when it returned, more aggressively than before, he helped his parents to raise money for the Piam Brown Ward at Southampton General Hospital (where he was being treated) and other Teenage Cancer charities.

All of us who knew Ben through his acting could see that he was an incredibly thoughtful, intelligent and kind young man. It was his dying wish that his story would be used to raise awareness of the shortage of funding for childhood cancer research and money to support it. Now everyone who has any dealings with his new charity (Ben Pavitt's Legacy of Love Fund) will know just how special he was, too.

Jason Sly

(Former Chairman of Debut Youth Theatre)



The logo for Ben's fund is based on an original design by his sister, Lauren.



## Above, Left to Right

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (2013)

"Lively Lad" (Ben's first ever named part!)

Grease (2014) "Eugene"

A Christmas Carol - The Musical (2015) "Bob Cratchitt"

The Pirates of Penzance (2016) "Pirate"

Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr (2017) "Flotsam"

My Fair Lady (2018) "Colonel Pickering"

**Left**, you can see Ben with his parents (Mike & Suzie) and his sister Lauren, performing in a joint SOS and Debut Youth Theatre production of Oliver! in January 2017.

