

Level 3 UAL Extended Diploma

The Professional Theatre Programme

Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

The Professional Theatre Programme (PTP) is an intensive, exciting and challenging practical course for actors, delivered by former industry professionals in a state of the art theatre – the Cronton Playhouse.

What will I study?

Over two years you will learn the core skills an actor needs to deliver a professional performance. You will begin training your voice and your physical awareness through a range of performance projects including Devising, Physical Theatre, Clowning, Classical Theatre, Audition Techniques and Comedy. Studying a wide range of styles will enable you to develop a rich vocabulary of performance techniques in preparation for your final scripted performance at the end of year 2.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through a series of practical projects, each one culminating in a performance in front of a live audience. Alongside the rehearsal process you will conduct research, keep a developmental journal and carry out regular reflection and evaluation. This coursework will serve to back up the practical work that you carry out in the theatre.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including a 4 in English and a 3 in Maths. You will also be invited to an audition and an interview.

Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Drama GCSE, BTEC Performing Arts or another performance-based subject such as Dance would be a real asset, but it is not essential. Any relevant experience such as Youth Theatre or School Play performances will be taken into account. And the audition process will help to establish your level of skill and experience.

A Centre of Excellence

Students studying Performing Arts will become part of our Centre of Excellence. As such, they will be taught by some of the best teaching staff in the country and benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular activities to support their onward applications to the country's most prestigious institutions.

Students will develop their talents and professional skills by enjoying our wide range of experiences including; international trips, being part of industry standard performances, performing at professional venues, high profile patrons and professional links, free music tuition and nationally recognised Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Awards.

Performing Arts

The Centre of Excellence for Performing Arts offers a unique production programme that enables students the opportunity of performing in large scale extra-curricular performances.



Enrichment Opportunities

On the PTP you will be given the opportunity to attend a range of theatre trips. Past trips have included visits to the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford; London's West End; The Everyman and Playhouse in Liverpool; The Crucible in Sheffield; as well as an international trip to New York. As a performing arts student you will be encouraged to get involved in the Centre of Excellence for Performing Arts which produces three full scale musical performances per year. Your involvement may be as a performer, stage manager, designer or as part of the wardrobe team. We regularly invite working professionals to deliver talks and workshops designed to enrich your experience of the PTP.

What can this course lead on to?

Students from the PTP often audition for Drama School, including the top-rated drama schools, to continue their actor training. You may also progress to University to study drama or a related subject such as Theatre Studies, Film or Events Management.

Any additional costs?

You may be required to purchase play texts and basic student equipment. You will be expected to wear suitable rehearsal clothes throughout and a course Hoodie will be available for purchase in the first term.

Scholarships

Talented performing arts students can also apply for our scholarships, worth up to £2000 each.

Meet the Students

Name:
Elizabeth Britch

Vocational Results:
The Professional Theatre Programme - Distinction

Previously from:
De La Salle School

Destination:
Lancaster University to study Drama Theatre and Performance



Cronton Playhouse

The Cronton Playhouse is a brand new 320 seat theatre with orchestra pit. The theatre is home to the very latest technology and an advanced technical booth offering new spectacular effects and high impact sound to further enhance the Centre of Excellence performances to industry standard.