

SUMMER SHOWS

Helen O' Grady Drama Academy

2018



“EDUCATION IS NOT THE LEARNING OF FACTS, BUT THE TRAINING OF THE MIND TO THINK”
-ALBERT EINSTEIN-



THE IMPORTANCE OF DRAMA IN EDUCATION

I recently read a fascinating article on an Australian school's website. I agree with all of the points that they make regarding the significance of Drama in education. I'd like to share these points with you as I feel that they are invaluable and really highlight the aims that our programme and the Academy offers young people.

- Students gain important life skills as they learn the value of critical feedback, both positive and constructive.
- Children have the opportunity to celebrate the richness and depth of human expression in all of its forms. Through creative expression students learn to comprehend our world better and are therefore better equipped to navigate the challenges they might be faced with upon graduating from secondary schooling.

- Drama and the performing arts creates an avenue to develop cognitive abilities that complement study in other disciplines. For example, drama students learn to approach situations in an array of different manners which can help to develop creative thinking and new study techniques. Further, it builds confidence which benefits public speaking opportunities. The talent that students discover through the Arts can form habits which transcend all areas of study.

- Communication between peers is accelerated as students are exposed to group activities. This experience also provides opportunity for students to display cultural leadership qualities.

- Some students find their 'voice' while studying the Arts. They may discover they are natural problem solvers or leaders. Creative expression is a great way to build self-confidence and can be particularly beneficial for introverted and reserved children.

- The Arts can act as an agent through which a variety of emotions can be learned, rehearsed and practised. Adolescents can find it difficult to express their emotions and so the Arts provides a great outlet for children to explore a wide range of feelings including delight, anger and unhappiness. This experience can define a child's growing sense of independence and interdependence.

- The Arts can also be a source of solitude – a place where a child is able to shut out their surrounds and immerse themselves in a creative environment. This process allows the imagination to thrive, aiding internal exploration. It's a natural precursor to a well-developed sense of self.



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RE-ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER

If you have not done so already, please fill out a form to book a place for September. There are substantial discounts being offered if you pay for the term or the year in full before the end of July.

If you already pay by standing order, please note that there is a £15 deposit (for one) and £25 (siblings) to be paid.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL

I will be running a two day holiday school on the 24th and 25th of August in Leicester.

Please take a bright orange form as you leave. Reserve a place now and only pay in August!

It's going to be the best one yet, with professional actors running the course!!!

TERM DATES

We start back the week commencing the 3rd of September and run for 14 weeks.

COMMUNICATION

Text messages are sent out regularly with news and reminders. If your number has changed, please make sure you have added this to the re-enrolment form. Please remember that this is an online messaging service and you CANNOT call the number back. If you'd like to speak with me, please call 01664 569 738.

REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a friend to our classes over the summer, your name will be entered into a draw to win a free term of Drama. Please make sure your friend gives your name when contacting me.

BRING A FRIEND DAYS

If you have invited a friend to try out on 'Bring a Friend Day' and you have not yet received a gift voucher and t-shirt, please contact me in the office. As I don't visit classes every week, I may have missed you out by mistake!

MOVING TO THE OLDER GROUP

If your child is moving to the older group in September, why not bring them along to try it out? They can attend their normal lesson and then stay for an extra hour afterwards. The final week of term is the week commencing the 9th of July. Oakham finishes on the 18th of July.

PARENT AMBASSADORS

The Parent Ambassador Scheme is a new idea that involves an enthusiastic parent who would be willing to help me market my fantastic Academy in their community and social group. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Ambassador, please email me over the summer. You will be offered a discount on the term's fees and a free place on a Holiday Programme of your choice.

FEEDBACK

Please leave a review on the Face Book page or share your positive comments and thoughts of our 2018 summer shows.