

# PROSPECTUS



**Foundation Course in Acting**  
(1 Year)

**Foundation Course in Musical Theatre**  
(1 Year)

**Vocational Sixth Form in Acting**  
(2 Year)

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# WHY TRAIN AT READ?

READ College was established in 2008 to help under-represented young people with talent and determination to gain a place at the UK's top Drama and Dance Colleges. Since then we have gone on to have the highest success rate in the industry, with graduates from our Acting and Musical Theatre courses gaining places at the top drama and dance colleges across the country.

We offer four key courses –

- Foundation in Acting (1 year)
- Foundation in Musical Theatre (1 year)
- Vocational 6th Form in Acting (2 years)
- Vocational 6th Form in Musical Theatre (2 years)

These courses are also complimented with our short Audition Prep Course (held in February Half Term) and our one week Summer School Course which we hold in August.

We also have a strong ethos of supporting and nurturing our young people. We are a small college with a maximum of 8 - 15 students on each course, and we are a registered charity so that we can ensure that we accept students based on their talent alone. Some of our students take advantage of our Bursary Scheme to help them with their course funding. You can find out more about the Bursary Scheme in this brochure.

We are also proud to have exceptional pastoral care, with physical and emotional health being top priorities in looking after young performers in training. As well as a specialist Performing Arts Osteopath and Vocal Health Coach available for all the students, we are also part of the #Time4Change Charter, supporting mental health awareness in the Performing Arts. We also provide free access to our college chaplain and qualified young people's counsellor for students every week.



*I am very impressed with the work that you are doing, and I am happy to be a patron of READ College.*

*Dame Judi Dench, Patron*

Last year we were delighted to be nominated for the 'Cultural Organisation of the Year' in the Reading Culture Awards and we are delighted to have been nominated as School of the Year' in the 2019 Pride of Reading awards, after also receiving nominations in 2016 and 2017.

To find out more about Read College visit [www.readcollege.org](http://www.readcollege.org)

With ten years of excellence, small class sizes, expert tutors and funding available to help you through your training, there are simply no other Foundation courses that get close!

## AMAZING FACT

Since READ College was founded, almost 97% of our students have been offered places at top Drama, Musical Theatre and Dance Colleges.

Students have gone on to continue their studies at:

- ALRA
- AMTA
- Arts Ed
- Bird College
- Birmingham School of Acting
- Central School of Speech and Drama
- Drama Centre London
- East 15
- Fourth Monkey
- GSA
- Italia Conti
- Laine
- LIPA
- London Studio Centre
- LSMT
- Millennium
- Mountview
- Performers College
- PPA
- RADA
- Rose Bruford
- Tiffany Theatre College
- The MTA
- Urdang Academy

And many more...

# FOUNDATION COURSE IN ACTING (1 YEAR)

- Over 95% Graduates Success Rate since 2017
- Graduates at all major Drama Schools
- Accredited Level 4 Qualification

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Our Foundation Course in Acting at READ College has the industry leading success rate for graduates gaining places at top Drama Schools across the UK. Our Foundation Course takes students from all backgrounds and walks of life and gives them the experience and confidence to succeed.

Our class sizes are small, as we make sure that we are able to work with each student individually and support them through their training. During an average week at READ College, Acting Foundation students will take part in the following classes –

- **Acting** – Improvisation, British Theatre, Brecht, Stanislavsky, American Drama, Classical Theatre, Restoration, Audition Repertoire
- **Vocal** – Speech and verse, Vocal Technique, Ensemble Singing, Private Singing (during Audition Season)
- **Physical** – Physical Theatre, Body Conditioning, Dance (Tap/ Contemporary/ Ballet)
- **Additional Weekly Classes** – Audition Preparation, Performance Class

Students also have access to support services including our Osteopath, Massage Therapist, Chaplain, Counsellor and Vocal Health Specialist.

Our students also benefit from weekly Audition Preparation classes and regular visits from many of the top three year Drama Schools in the country, who come to deliver talks and masterclasses at READ.

During Term One, students are focussed strongly on developing their techniques in all aspects of drama and voice. They are coached on audition repertoire, and spend dedicated class time with expert tutors researching the college courses that will suit their skills and career aspirations the best.

Term Two continues to challenge and develop students with technique and also audition repertoire to make sure that they are fully prepared to audition for their three year courses. At the same time, students also start to prepare for their ATCL Level 4 Diploma examination. The ATCL is the accredited qualification that our students gain and we have an above-average number of students attaining Distinction grades. The ACTL Level 4 Diploma in Performing (Speech & Drama) is awarded by Trinity College London and is equivalent to 1st year degree studies.

Finally in Term Three, our Acting students have several performance opportunities. These start with their Showcase, which see the students working with a professional creative team to stage a fully realised play in an outside venue. Finally, we teach our students how to write and create their own fringe show for the Platform Performance project, during which they devise, script, rehearse and perform a brand new comedy which is performed at a local fringe venue. Both shows are open to public audiences and showcase the skills that our Acting graduates have learned.

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*"I have nothing but praise for the staff and course at READ college and it has had a massive positive impact on my life and overall well-being"*

2018 Graduate Student

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# FOUNDATION COURSE IN MUSICAL THEATRE (1 YEAR)

- Over 98% Graduate Success Rate
- Graduates at all major Dance and Musical Theatre Courses
- Accredited Level 4 Qualification

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Our Foundation course in Musical Theatre does not have a bias towards any one discipline. Instead, we train our students to be 'triple-threat' performers across all three acting, singing and dancing disciplines. The course is full-time, with over 27 hours per week of contact time with tutors.

Our class sizes are small, as we make sure that we are able to work with each student individually and support them through their training. During an average week at READ College, Musical Theatre Foundation students will take part in the following classes –

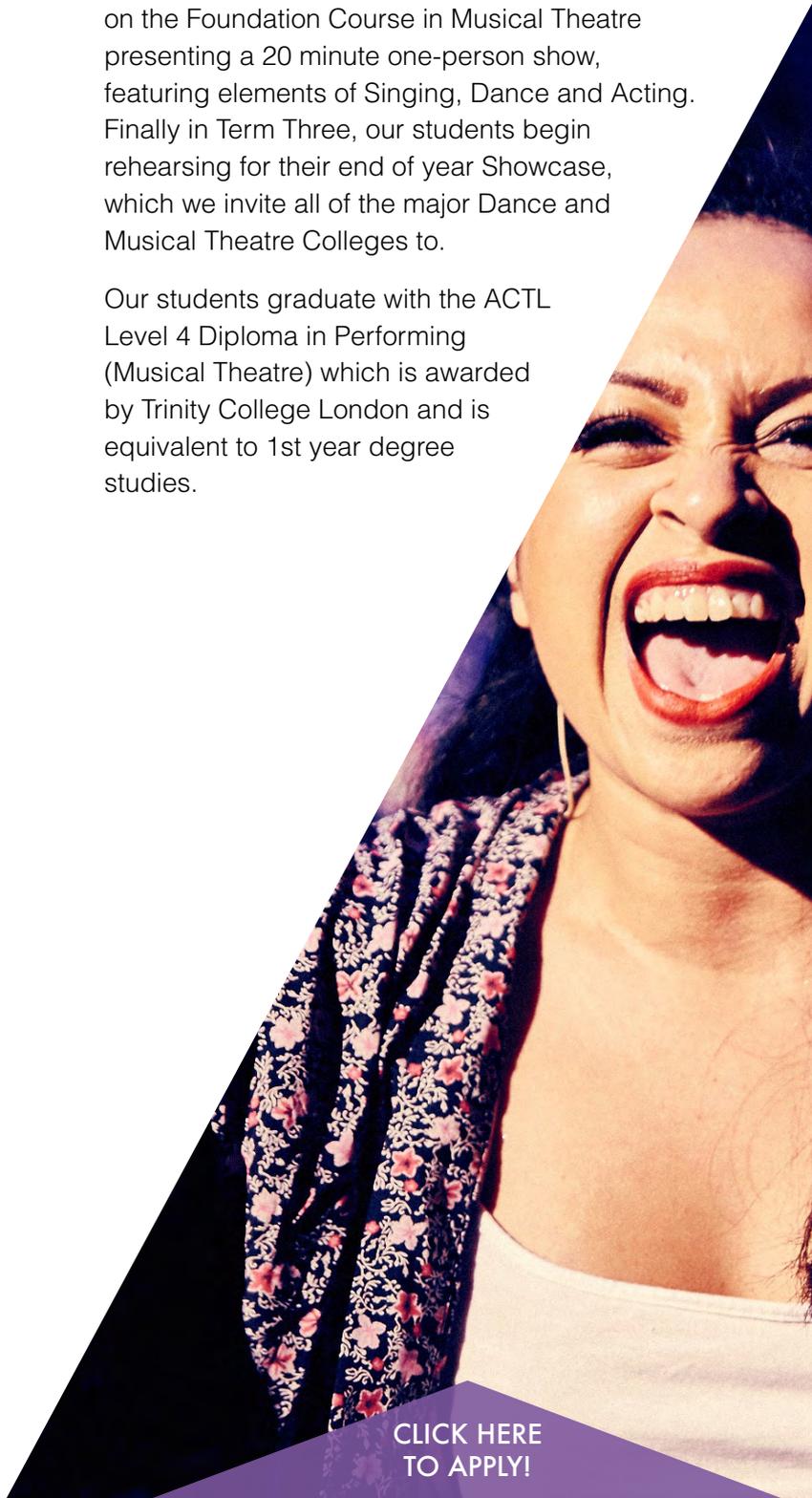
- **Dance** – Ballet, Technical Jazz, Commercial Jazz, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Tap, Body Conditioning
- **Acting** – Improvisation, Classical Theatre, Audition Repertoire (monologues), Physical Theatre, Acting Styles, Play Performance
- **Singing** – Private Singing, Ensemble Singing, Musical Theatre, Music Theory, Vocal Tech
- **Additional Weekly Classes** – Audition Preparation, Contextual Studies, Performance Class.

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In Term Two, students begin the process of auditioning, whilst continuing to develop their techniques and knowledge. They also start preparing for their ATCL Level 4 Diploma in Performing. The Diploma exams are held just after the Easter break each year, with all students on the Foundation Course in Musical Theatre presenting a 20 minute one-person show, featuring elements of Singing, Dance and Acting. Finally in Term Three, our students begin rehearsing for their end of year Showcase, which we invite all of the major Dance and Musical Theatre Colleges to.

Our students graduate with the ACTL Level 4 Diploma in Performing (Musical Theatre) which is awarded by Trinity College London and is equivalent to 1st year degree studies.



# VOCATIONAL SIXTH FORM IN ACTING (2 YEARS)

- 100% Graduate Success Rate Since Opening
- Exceptional Vocational Training
- Accredited Level 3 Qualification

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Our Vocational 6th form in Acting is unique in its approach, with a very high practical and vocational element being supported by A-Level equivalent qualifications. Students are on their feet performing throughout the day and are supported by staff through study periods with their written project work.

Our personal approach is what makes READ College the UK's leading school for Foundation Courses in the Performing Arts. Our class sizes are small, as we make sure that we are able to work with each student individually and support them through their training. Students benefit from at least 27 hours of contact time per week with tutors and study a wide range of disciplines with leading industry tutors and professionals.

During an average week across two years at READ College, Acting 6th Form students will take part in the following classes –

- **Acting** – Improvisation, British Theatre, Brecht, Stanislavsky, American Drama, Classical Theatre, Restoration, Audition Repertoire, Acting Styles
- **Vocal** – Speech and verse, Vocal Technique, Ensemble Singing, Private Singing (during Audition Season)
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Alongside these weekly classes we have regular guest workshops and masterclasses in the 2nd year, with most of the major degree-level Drama Schools and Colleges. Some of whom even come and run auditions at READ College to hand pick our students for their courses!

All students will take part in a professional Showcase at the end of the course, with an invited audience of Drama School and College representatives and led by a professional Creative Team from the industry.

Our 6th Form in Acting course is accredited by OCR and students study towards the Cambridge Extended Technical Diploma in Acting, which is equivalent to three A-Levels and can be used through UCAS to apply for university places should students decide not to go on to further drama school training. The qualification is assessed in modular units with some external exams taken during the two year course.

*“The pastoral care at READ has been incredible, which showed the college values each individual as a person and not just a performer/product”*

2018 Graduate Student

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# VOCATIONAL SIXTH FORM IN MUSICAL THEATRE (2 YEARS)

- 100% Graduate Success Rate Since Opening
- Exceptional Vocational Training in Singing, Acting and Dance
- Accredited Level 3 Qualification

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*"The family feel at READ is amazing. I've never been so pushed and felt so comfortable at the same time!"*

*2018 Graduate Student*

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## FUNDING YOUR COURSE & APPLICATION DETAILS

READ College is a registered charity (number 1142899), and we have a strong ethos of championing students from under-represented backgrounds in the Performing Arts. The full fees for the 2020 intake are £7,730 per year, payable either monthly or termly. **However, students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are unable to afford training may apply to our Access to The Arts scheme for a means tested bursary to support them.**

Bursaries range from £463 to £4,638 (which is up to 60% of the annual tuition fee). We also support our applicants with advice on sources of additional funding if required. Our means testing criteria are based on national average Household Income and House Price/ Mortgage Level, and are amended each year to reflect the changes in these average figures and to make our funding as widely accessible as possible. Accommodation for students attending READ College is paid for separately, and again we provide advice and guidance for students who are moving away from home to find accommodation that will suit their needs and their budget. These vary from halls of residence and homestay placements, to house and flat shares.

Our application fee is £10 and once that is submitted along with your application form you will be invited for an audition. Please note that we advise students to apply as soon as possible, as competition for places and funding is tough and auditions run from December to May each year.

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## CONTACT DETAILS

You can apply for our courses on-line by visiting [www.readcollege.org](http://www.readcollege.org) or by clicking here to APPLY ON-LINE. Or you can contact READ College Admissions on [admin@readcollege.org](mailto:admin@readcollege.org) or by phone on 0118 966 6275.

We also hold Open Days and Audition Preparation Courses during the year so that you can come and experience life at READ College. Full details are on our website, or call us on 0118 966 6275 for more information.

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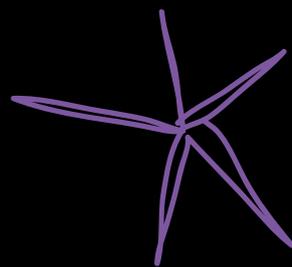
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