

English Plus Drama

For students with an interest in drama and a desire to improve their English through confidence-building performances. Sessions take place with a qualified Drama teacher who will guide the students through a programme exploring various elements of acting, including improvisation, mime and role play. They will perform at the end of the course, either a part of a well-known play or something they have written themselves.



Please see below, a typical timetable for students following the drama programme. Students will receive nine hours of drama lessons per week in addition to their fifteen hours of English tuition. Along with all other students, the 'English Plus Drama' students will go on one full-day excursion and two half-day excursions a week. Please note, this is a sample timetable, so excursion destinations may vary.

**A minimum of ten students is required for the 'English Plus Drama' programme to run at the centre.

AVAILABLE LOCATIONS:

University of Chester, Parkgate
University of Chester, Riverside
Bristol, Badminton School
Manchester, Chetham's School
Nantwich, Reaseheath College
Reading, Queen Anne's School
York, Bootham School
York, St Peter's School
University of Chichester

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
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Week 1	English Test	Drama - Getting to know the students	English Lessons	Chester Orientation & Chester Cathedral	English Lessons	Drama - Basic Drama Techniques	English Lessons	Wales with Conwy Castle	English Lessons	Drama - Story telling and Physical Theatre	Liverpool with Beatles Museum		Free Time, Activities or Optional Excursion	

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Week 2	English Lessons	Drama - Melodrama	English Lessons	Chester with Cheshire Military Museum & Roman Tour	English Lessons	Drama - Devising from a script	English Lessons	Llandudno with Great Orme Tramway	English Lessons	Drama - Chosen style of performance	Manchester with City of Manchester Stadium Tour		Depart	

Summary of typical Drama Lesson

Introduction – ‘Pass the emotion’ – Students sit in a circle and the teacher chooses an emotion to express and ‘passes’ it around. The students continue passing to continue the ‘emotion chain’.

Main Content - Tableaux - In groups of two to four, students are given a scenario (*“customer at restaurant is served soup that has a fly in it”*). The students must create a series of three still images to show the scenario and each character’s emotions – focus will be on body positioning / facial expressions.

Showcase - Groups share their work and the images are discussed.

Introducing Dialogue – Students bring their scenarios to life by adding dialogue to them. The scenes created should have a clear beginning, middle and end.

Summary – Students perform their work and discuss the use of gesture/movement/facial expressions and speech after each scene.