

During the first week at college I was made to feel very welcome. All of my worries and concerns about being in a new place were calmed immediately as the tutors made sure I got to know everyone very quickly in sessions. Before I came to college I didn't think a career in the performing arts was possible, but now I know that it's something I can do and will do. The tutors push you to do your best and help you improve. They always recognise your potential and will push you to be the best that you can be.

I have studied a variety of skills including physical theatre, classical theatre and screen acting. I have learnt about Stanislavski and Brecht and other practitioners. I have been taught techniques for how to learn lines and how to relieve exam stress. My favourite project was our physical theatre show, Sink the Belgrano! Before it, I had never explored the style and wasn't very confident that I'd be able to do it but it was so much fun and I feel it made me more versatile as an actor. I also learned a lot of history about the Falklands War.

I am now going to study Acting at Plymouth Conservatoire. West Notts helped me a lot when applying to the course and gave me advice, which prepared me for my audition.

My advice for a new starter would be to trust the tutors and fellow students. The course is so much fun and comes to feel like a family, so enjoy it!

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