

Dear Future UAL Level 2 Acting Student,

Welcome to the course! We’re excited that you’ve chosen to join us in September to explore your passion for acting, storytelling, and performance.

This course is all about developing your practical skills as a performer, learning how to work well in a team, and becoming confident on stage and in rehearsal. You don’t need to be perfect at writing or essays – we are interested in your ideas, creativity, and effort.

To help you get ready, we’d like you to complete a short Summer Task. This task will help you begin thinking like an actor and get you used to talking about performance.

**YOUR SUMMER TASK**

Choose one performance you have seen recently. This could be:
- A live theatre show
- A full recorded stage production (e.g. on YouTube or National Theatre at Home)
- A school play or community performance
- A drama performance from TV or a film (only if you can describe the acting clearly)

Then, answer the questions below in your own words. You can type or handwrite your answers. Write as much detail as possible – these answers should give lots of information and the opportunity for you to reflect on your ideas about the show. Don’t just write a few words.

**QUESTIONS TO ANSWER**

1. What was the name of the performance that you watched?
 Who was in it? Where did you watch it?
2. What was the story about?
 Tell us what happened in your own words.
3. Who was your favourite character, and why?
 What did you notice about how the actor brought them to life?
4. Describe a moment that really stood out to you.
 What happened? How did the actor use their voice, body, and face to show emotion or tell the story?
5. How did the performance make you feel?
 Were you excited? Surprised? Sad? Confused? Explain why.

## TOP TIP

Use clear detail when describing acting. Think about:
- Voice: Was it loud/quiet? Fast/slow? High/low?
- Movement: Did they move quickly or slowly? Did they use big or small gestures?
- Face: What kind of expression did they have?

## HOW TO HAND IN

Please bring your work with you on your first day in class, or email it to your tutor if you prefer JMcMahon-Harvey@yorkcollege.ac.uk

## EXTRA OPTIONAL CHALLENGES

- Watch another piece of theatre and write down your thoughts.
- Read a play or script. Some good ones to start with: “A Monster Calls”, “Pronoun”, “Crongton Knights” or “Noughts and Crosses”.
- Practice performing a short monologue – just for fun!

Enjoy your summer and see you in September!

The Level 2 Performing Arts Team