

Bristol Old Vic  
Theatre School

#### Accessibility & inclusivity

Our rehearsal studios at Downside Road are accessible to wheelchair users. We encourage you to contact us to discuss any specific requirements via [youth@oldvic.ac.uk](mailto:youth@oldvic.ac.uk). The School has a wealth of experience in adapting our courses and we would welcome a conversation with you.

#### Contact us

Email: [youth@oldvic.ac.uk](mailto:youth@oldvic.ac.uk)  
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#### Location

**1-3 Downside Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2XF.**  
Young Conservatoire takes place at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, situated overlooking Clifton Down. Bus number 8 from the centre stops next to the School and we are in close walking distance of Clifton Down station.

#### Safeguarding

At BOVTS, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our top priority. All staff teaching you hold enhanced DBS checks. Our under-18s safeguarding policy can be downloaded from [oldvic.ac.uk/about-us](https://oldvic.ac.uk/about-us).

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# YOUNG CONSERVATOIRE

WORLD-CLASS TRAINING — MADE IN BRISTOL

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## Who is the Young Conservatoire for?

Young Conservatoire is where **aspiring actors aged 16-18** take their first steps towards a **career in stage, film, or TV**. We seek individuals with a passion for performance, a desire to explore their craft, and aspirations to pursue professional training after their formal education. Our evening sessions, held throughout term time, offer a valuable opportunity to enrich your craft while complementing your school or college studies.

## What to expect

Just like the first year at drama school, you will cover a diverse range of acting fundamentals. Over the course of **ten weeks each term**, you'll delve into **text, character, improvisation, voice, and movement techniques** guided by our experienced course leader, along with special industry professionals who also teach our degree students. In addition to developing your individual strengths in monologues, storytelling, and self-tape auditions, you will also explore theatre as an ensemble. Each term will end with a short performance for an invited audience.



## What's a conservatoire?

A conservatoire is a small and specialist organisation that trains students for a career in the performing arts through intensive, practical tuition. At BOVTS, **we specialise in drama**. Attending drama school is an alternative option to going to university – you'll still receive a degree, but you will spend time honing your craft. Attending a conservatoire drama school is how **many of the UK's leading actors developed and launched their career**.

Explore next term's exciting curriculum:  
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**£10.25**  
P/H IN 2026

## Term Dates & Fees

The fees for 2026 are set at £205 per term. We offer bursaries to eligible students on a termly basis. For information on application dates for auditions, bursaries, and updated fees and term dates beyond 2026, please visit our website.

2026	DATES/TIME	HALF TERM
<b>Spring term</b>	Thu 15 Jan – 26 March, 6–8 pm	Thu 19 February 2026
<b>Summer term</b>	Thu 23 April – 2 July, 6–8 pm	Thu 28 May 2026
<b>Autumn term</b>	Thu 1 Oct – 10 Dec, 6–8 pm	Thu 29 October 2026

## How do I apply

Audition online or in person **at no cost**. Prepare a two-minute speech from a published play, preferably with a character similar to your age. After your performance, you'll have a short discussion with the audition panel to ask questions. **Register at: [oldvic.ac.uk/young-conservatoire](https://oldvic.ac.uk/young-conservatoire)**.

## SOME OF OUR RECOGNISED ALUMNI

*Olivia Colman, Theo James, Cyril Nri, & Rhea Norwood*

