

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. 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
Phone: +44(0)117 973 3535



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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.



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
Spring term	Thu 15 Jan – 26 March, 6–8 pm	Thu 19 February 2026
Summer term	Thu 23 April – 2 July, 6–8 pm	Thu 28 May 2026
Autumn term	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.

SOME OF OUR RECOGNISED ALUMNI

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

