

## 6 Less Popular Acting Schools in the UK

So, you've found your niche in acting and now you're looking for a school in the UK with the best acting course. There are a variety of schools that are popular enough to attract students with just their name. But, there are plenty of famous actors that graduated from less popular acting schools. When choosing a school, the most important thing to take into consideration is the type of learning experience you will take away from the academia. It is important to not only look at the price of school but to take their teaching techniques, cost of tuition and programs into consideration. Take a look at these six less popular acting schools in the UK.

### ALRA North

ALRA North acting school has two campuses, ALRA North and ALRA South. Some of ALRA's most popular alumni include Denise Gough, Amrita Acharia and Emmanuel Imani. ALRA North is located in greater Manchester and is a mere 20-minute ride away from the famous Bolton Octagon. To get into the program for this school the audition requires you to recite two standalone monologues. If chosen, you can attend this program for £5000.

### Cygnets Training Theatre

Cygnets Training Theater was named after the well-known Cygnets theater, located in Exeter, Devon England. To be chosen as one of the students for this school you must be interviewed. The interview consists of a formal interview and two auditions. The two auditions are of two different natures, one is a solo act and the other is a group act. Some of the more famous alumni of Cygnets Training Theater are Penelope McGehee, Andrew Howard and Louis Dempsey. The fees for the acting program at Cygnets Training Theater is £2,500 per term.

### Acting Coach Scotland, GAMTA

Acting Coach Scotland GAMTA is different from other acting schools because of their teaching style. Acting Coach uses practical aesthetics to teach acting. This form of teaching focuses on getting the actor to be bold. To be accepted into the program at Acting Coach you must apply then audition. Auditions contain a group workshop and an interview. On top of that the applicant will be expected to perform 1 two minute classical and 1 two minute contemporary monologue. Acting Coach Scotland is located in Glasgow and has famous alumni like Zosia Mamet, R Paul Wilson, Sorcha Groundsell and Bobby Rainsbury. The one year acting course at Acting Coach Scotland will cost £7200.

### Oxford School of Drama

The Oxford School of Drama is a mere 30 years old! That's an impressive age for a school that spawned actors like Will Adamsdale, Lydia Rose Bewley and Lee Boardman. The Oxford school of drama is located in Woodstock Oxfordshire and costs £5,495 per term. To gain admission to this school you will need to perform 2 contrasting two minute monologues. One of the monologues must be from a Elizabethan or Jacobean drama and the other must be from a post-1950 drama.

### Drama Studio London

The Drama Studio London is a well accredited school that offers a great acting program. This school is located in Ealing London and was once home to alumni like Forest Whitaker (California Branch), Enzo

Cilenti and Emily Watson. The tuition fee for this school is £1200 plus vat and comes after a two-stage audition process for entry.

### [Manchester Metropolitan School of Theatre](#)

Former students of the Manchester Metropolitan School of Theater are Zawe Ashton, Victoria Bewick, John Bradley-West. For the audition you must perform three, two minute speeches. The speeches should consist of a blank verse from Shakespeare, a verse from a play written after 1970 and one speech of your choice. Alongside the monologues there is a group session. If you're accepted to this program the tuition is £8,460 per year.

Although these six schools don't have their names in lights they have spawned success stories. There are various alumni of these schools that are now working on popular BBC sitcoms. When an actor gets fame, they don't often mention the name of their school. With hard work and dedication, you can achieve greatness. Schools are only as good as their least successful pupils. Any school you choose will bring more knowledge and discipline to your career.