



INDEPENDENT
THEATRE
SCHOOL



**SMILEY FACES
JUNIOR
MUSICAL
THEATRE SCHOOL**

(3 years to 7 years)

PROSPECTUS



"Developing life skills in young people"

Future Faces was established in Lutterworth in the year 2000 and since that time thousands of students have studied all disciplines of the performing arts here; dance, acting and singing. The ethos of the school is to develop life skills in young people.



At our premises at the Hall Park site, in Lutterworth, we boast some of the best performance spaces in the East Midlands with four bespoke studios of varying sizes.



Smiley Faces is a scaled down version of Future Faces Musical Theatre School, adapted for the younger child. (students between the ages of 3 years attained and the end of school year 2)

The children come to the centre for 90 minutes of fun, where they will have 30 minutes tuition in singing, acting and dancing. The sessions not only give a basic introduction to the performing arts, but they are also designed to build self-confidence, improve communication skills and help the child to learn to work closely within its peer group.

Learning with fun...



Whilst the syllabus is freestyle in design, weekly lesson plans are created, in order to ensure that the students work towards building upon the skills learnt from the previous week.

The core curriculum of activity concentrates on interaction between the children, building confidence and having fun. We recognise that some students will wish to go on to join the full Musical Theatre School, when they are old enough, at age 6/7, but we also recognise that for most of our children they simply come each week because they have a good time. Whatever the reason, there is no doubt that the sessions help to develop the children's life skills. Emphasis is placed on all students being fully involved and being engaged with the ethos of the school.



The students perform in two showcase productions at the Centre each year, where parents, family and friends are invited to see the progress that the students have made. One is held before the summer break and one at Christmas. The students perform across the three disciplines of the performing arts in their peer group.

This style of production also gives opportunities for costumes and props to be introduced.

The students will have been introduced to script work appropriate for their age and will perform songs and dances that they have learnt.

The Classes

Students are allocated to classes based on their age group

Red Group 3 yrs to 4 yrs



Blue Group 4 yrs to 5 yrs



Yellow Group 5 yrs to 6/7 yrs



The students start the session in the same room each week where registration is taken. They then rotate around the building every thirty minutes spending an equal amount of time in dance, singing and acting.

At the end of the morning session all of the students assemble in the music studio, where notices and awards are given prior to the students being collected.

Enrolment



There is no audition process for Smiley Faces as we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to develop irrespective of their starting point. Many of our students have gone on to have careers in the performing arts and this trend will continue, however we recognise that most of our students simply come here as a hobby, to interact with and make new friends and to have a good time. As a by product of this they develop their sense of self, build confidence and self-esteem.

On application to the School and having completed a medical questionnaire, the student will be invited to spend two full sessions on a, 'pay as you go basis'. This will give the student an opportunity to decide if they wish to continue attending. If the student wishes to join the school, and subject to appropriate behaviour having been observed, a meeting will be held with a member of staff to go through the rules of the School, the behaviour policy and the financial commitment involved.



All Future Faces Staff are professionally trained industry professional practitioners who share the ethos of the school. They are all DBS (Disclosure and barring Services) checked and are also first aid trained. A number of our students from the 'Senior Company' of the Senior Theatre School assist. This gives them useful experience but also means that when the Juniors' move up to the full theatre school they have faces that they recognise and helps with continuity.

We have vast experience dealing with learning difficulties and student's who may have unique issues for whatever reason.

Safety & Uniform

The health and safety of our students and staff is our first objective. The building is fully alarmed regularly inspected and regular fire drills are conducted to ensure that in the event of an emergency, all members within the building are fully aware of the safety procedures. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to collect their student from the Centre at the due time. Students will not be able to leave the building until an adult is able to collect them.



We believe that the appearance of our students should reflect the standards of the Theatre School and for this reason we have a strict uniform code. All clothing should be clearly labelled with the student's name. All Future Faces branded clothing can be purchased on site at our shop Enchanted Dancewear and details are given at time of enrolment.

All hair should be tied back prior to commencement of the session with black bobbles only.

All Jewellery, including ear rings and piercings should be removed prior to the session.

Only Future Faces T shirts may be worn. No other T shirts are permitted.

Only Future Faces hoodies may be worn.

Students must wear all black jazz pants or track suit bottoms. No logos or other colours should be visible.

Only all black socks are acceptable.

If leggings are worn then they must be all black.

Only black jazz shoes or black jazz trainers are acceptable. No other footwear is acceptable.

(These should not be worn into the Centre but changed into prior to commencement of the lesson.)



Fees



Smiley Faces generally runs alongside the local school timetable. The School invoices six times per annum, every half term. The Parents/Guardians enter into a full termly commitment and all lessons must be paid for irrespective of attendance. Fees are payable at the commencement of the term, in advance, for the full period of the term in one payment. Late penalties can apply.

Current Fees £9.75 per Saturday Session (1.5 hours)

There is also a show card fee of £15 which is invoiced the term before our two Showcase productions each year. This is a contribution towards costumes and venue costs.

All fees are inclusive of VAT.

A discount of 20% applies for any sibling(s) of a student. No fees are charged for additional rehearsal time/dates other than those already published.



If you experience an unexpected change in financial circumstances please talk to a member of staff.

Parents receive regular Newsletters and are encouraged to join the Facebook page which gives immediate news updates.

A list of term dates and additional information can be found on the Future Faces website where you can also meet the staff.

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