



On The Mark Youth Theatre

WE ARE RECRUITING

Drama Practitioner & Acting Exam Teacher

Join OTMYT as we expand our specialist drama and examination programme from January 2027.



START

January 2027

LOCATION

Chester

RATE

£30 per hour

CLOSING DATE

6 November 2026

This information pack explains the role, what we are looking for and how to apply.

The opportunity

OTMYT is expanding its programme from January 2027 and is looking for an enthusiastic, experienced drama practitioner to join our team. This new role combines leading our new Seniors Drama Group with delivering one-to-one acting tuition for children and young people preparing for graded acting examinations.

We are looking for somebody who is an excellent drama teacher and practitioner, enjoys working with young people and can combine strong technical knowledge with the warm, practical and confidence-building approach that sits at the heart of OTMYT.

At a glance

- A combined group and one-to-one teaching role
- £30 per hour, paid through OTMYT PAYE payroll
- Based in Chester
- Starting January 2027
- Potential for additional work as OTMYT grows

Seniors Drama Group

Our new Seniors Drama Group launches in January 2027 as an additional opportunity for existing OTMYT members who want to develop their acting and drama skills in greater depth.

The Spring 2027 group will meet for six two-hour sessions on alternate Sundays, from 10.00am to 12.00pm:

- 10 January 2027
- 24 January 2027
- 7 February 2027
- 21 February 2027
- 7 March 2027
- 21 March 2027

The practitioner will have creative responsibility for planning and leading the group. Sessions should be practical, engaging and challenging, with scope to explore acting technique, characterisation, improvisation, scripted work, voice and physicality, ensemble skills, text and scene work, confidence and performance skills.

The precise content can develop around the strengths of the practitioner and the needs and interests of the group. We are not looking for a rigid course. We want somebody with the experience and creativity to make the group their own while working within the wider ethos of OTMYT.



One-to-one Acting Exam Tuition

Alongside the Drama Group, the successful practitioner will deliver individual acting lessons for children and young people preparing for LCME graded acting examinations.

OTMYT will handle parent communication, bookings, payments and examination administration, allowing the teacher to focus primarily on teaching and preparation.

The one-to-one role will include:

- assessing an individual learner's appropriate starting point and grade
- recommending suitable repertoire and material
- teaching the skills required for the relevant examination
- developing acting technique, characterisation, interpretation, vocal and physical skills
- preparing learners thoroughly and confidently for examination
- monitoring progress and advising OTMYT when a learner is ready to be entered
- providing appropriate practice and preparation between lessons

Who we are looking for

We would particularly like to hear from someone who:

- has substantial practical experience in drama, acting, theatre or performance
- has experience teaching or directing children and young people
- is confident leading both groups and one-to-one sessions
- has a strong understanding of acting technique and performance
- can select and work effectively with age-appropriate texts and repertoire
- is organised, reliable and able to prepare learners towards clear goals
- creates an encouraging environment while still expecting high standards
- understands safeguarding and appropriate professional boundaries
- works positively as part of a wider creative team

Experience of LCME acting examinations would be very useful, but we would also be interested in an excellent drama practitioner with experience of other recognised examination boards who is willing to become familiar with the LCME syllabus.

A relevant drama, theatre, performance or teaching qualification would be welcomed, although practical professional and teaching experience will also be taken into consideration.

Practical details

Role	Drama Practitioner & Acting Exam Teacher
Start	January 2027
Location	Chester
Rate	£30 per hour, plus applicable holiday pay
Seniors Drama Group	Six alternate Sundays, 10.00am to 12.00pm, Spring 2027
One-to-one teaching	Arranged separately according to learner and teacher availability
Status	OTMYT worker, paid through PAYE

There is potential for the role to grow. OTMYT is expanding both its examination provision and the range of specialist opportunities available to members, and we always aim to offer additional suitable work to existing staff before recruiting externally.

Safeguarding

OTMYT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced DBS check and complete OTMYT's required safeguarding and staff training. They will also be expected to work in accordance with OTMYT's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Staff Code of Conduct and other relevant policies.

About OTMYT

On The Mark Youth Theatre is a Chester-based youth theatre providing high-quality performing arts opportunities for children and young people. Our approach is summed up by our motto, "Learning by Doing."

We believe young people develop most effectively when they are actively creating, rehearsing, performing and taking responsibility for their own development in a supportive and ambitious environment.

How to apply

Please send the following to simon@otmyt.co.uk:

- a brief CV or summary of relevant experience
- a short covering email explaining why the role interests you
- details of any relevant teaching, directing or examination experience
- your availability from January 2027

Closing date

Friday 6 November 2026

Informal enquiries are very welcome before applying.

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