

**Trinity College London Young Performers Certificate
Class Assessment - Introducing Parents and Entering
Students**

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to announce the introduction of the **Trinity College London Young Performers Certificate – Class Assessment** to our Creative Drama class's focus and scheme of work for Term 3. This is something we have wanted to do for some time.

After the Easter break at Centre Stage, we would like all students who attend our Stage 1, 2 & 3 Creative Drama classes - aged 7 years old and under - to enter for this class assessment with Trinity College London. This award certificate is designed perfectly for the creative and process driven work we do with our early stages Creative Drama classes here at Centre Stage – and we are very pleased to include this in our years work. As we have many classes at Centre Stage we are delighted that Trinity College has been able to accommodate us for the **May/June** assessment.

Assessment Details:

This class would be entered for the **Gold Award**

Assessment Cost - \$60 (cheques to be made payable to **Centre Stage School of The Arts Pte Ltd**)

Deadline for Application - Friday 16th March 2018

Enrolment for the Assessment - Please fill out the online application form at <https://goo.gl/forms/Y2Q5zTx5rahrY1dJ2> to register for assessment. (A link will be emailed too)

Venue - Centre Stage Portsdown Road or East Coast Centre - To be confirmed by Trinity

Day & Time - To be confirmed by Trinity - (suggested dates by Trinity at present: Monday 21st May, Friday 1st June)

How The Assessment Works

Students are assessed together with their class at Centre Stage - The Teacher is in the room with the students, as they would normally be during class time, leading some areas and side coaching others. Their involvement reduces as the classes move from Bronze through to Gold Award. This assessment does not necessarily take place on their normal day or class time – dates and times to be supplied by Trinity. Assessment times will be confirmed as soon as possible, by Trinity, once all applications are in.

On The Day

Each child takes part in their normal drama activities and a 'practiced' bringing to life of a story they have been working on in class. Each child receives a sticker on the day from the examiner assessing it. Then later, children are awarded an individual named certificate from Trinity College London to acknowledge their achievement.

Preparation

At Centre Stage, during our weekly 'Creative Drama' classes we use dramatic play throughout the sessions, as we explore and bring to life, stories, characters and situations. These are the areas that Trinity are looking to assess - the 'process', in this informal assessment. We are able to practice and prepare as we would normally do. There may be a small amount of learning to be done outside of class, but no more than we would usually ask for in preparation towards our informal third term class presentations.

Why This Assessment?

In our view, this assessment is perfectly pitched for this age group and is in line with many of the beliefs Centre Stage hold with regard to the arts, education and child development. This informal setting is ideal for every child to shine, whilst enjoying the familiar process of a regular class. The children will feel more at ease, confident and supported with their teacher and friends in the room, whilst having fun and being assessed by a 'guest visitor' on what they do regularly in their weekly classes - bringing to life a story through drama and movement.

For us, here at Centre Stage, this is the joy of this assessment, as it combines what we do every day, alongside an informal assessment in a supportive, fun, positive and unthreatening environment.

This also provides an opportunity to acknowledge and recognise achievements, which is great for everyone involved.

Please see a video from Trinity explaining the assessment please follow this link:

<http://www.trinitycollege.com/site/?id=2902>

Important - Please go online and fill in this application form to register your child here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Y2Q5zTx5rahrY1dJ2>. Once we have received the application form we will take this as a confirmation that you wish your child to be entered for the assessment and we will follow this up by sending you an invoice for the exam fee (non- refundable from Trinity)

Any questions please talk to your teacher, Ali or Pete

Very best wishes,

Ali & Pete

And The Centre Stage Team

More Information About Trinity Exams and the Pathways Provided by Centre Stage

We have offered classes in preparation for Trinity Solo Acting & Speech and Drama exams since we began in 1999. We also now include Young Performers Certificate, Group Devising, Group Acting & Musical Theatre

We believe whole heartedly in the benefits of our creative and process driven classes here at Centre Stage, which not only form the basis of performance skills, but are of incredible importance and value in their own right, in developing life skills - soft skills, communication, expression, our EQ - these are really important, particularly in this ever changing world! However, our process driven creative work in classes can lead on to this work being assessed through Trinity College London; who provide exams that assess these skills. It is important for many of us to have recognition of these skills and mark our achievements.

****Communication and soft skills are vital!***

****Creativity permeates all industry and corporate activities!***

****The Creative industries are one of the biggest growing industries!***

Why Trinity?

Long Established and Respected

Trinity College London Exams, merged with and later took over from the very prestigious Guildhall School of Music and Drama examinations and has long been established and respected.

Internationally Recognised

Trinity is an internationally recognised body.

University applications and UCAS Points

Trinity examinations go towards UCAS points for UK University applications - part of the NQF (National Qualifications Framework) in the UK.

Grade 6 UCAS POINTS

Pass **8** / Merit **10** / Distinction **12**

Grade 7 UCAS POINTS

Pass **12** / Merit **14** / Distinction **16**

Grade 8 UCAS POINTS

Pass **24** / Merit **27** / Distinction **30**

GCSE & A Level NQF (National Qualifications Framework) equivalent in the UK

Grade 6 (age 15/16yrs old) upward are recognised as an equivalent in GCSE drama in the UK

Foundation (Grades 1-3) – Level 1

Intermediate (Grades 4-5) – Level 2 – towards G.C.S.E

Advanced (Grades 6-8) – Level 3 – towards A Level – carry points for university entry on the UCAS tariff system

Trinity Preparation Classes

Benefits – improved communication, foster an appreciation of literature, poetry and drama, creativity, life skills, unlock imagination and creative thinking, Intellectual and social emotional development, learn, apply and refine technical skills.

Examinations

Are an opportunity to measure progress – international standard, acquire skills - work towards certification for career developments.