



Performing Arts students visit Wilkes Academy

Yeovil College Performing Arts students visit Wilkes Academy for commercial and musical classes led by West End performers and choreographers, on 9 March.

The students studied, practiced and performed the West-end show-stopper *Wicked* the musical.

The Wilkes Academy is funded by Jonathan Wilkes an established artist in the entertainment industry. The Academy provides the best professional training available, so that students are fully equipped in their technique to successfully gain and sustain longevity in one of the most competitive, yet rewarding of industries.

The students gained experience by working with West-end performers and Wilkes students within a specialist Performing Arts school learning different warm up methods and performance techniques.

To support their learning, they have also been invited to watch the annual Wilkes Academy performance for the UK's biggest dance event MOVE IT at ExCeL London.

Molly Scott, formerly of The Gryphon School, said, "Visiting Wilkes Academy was an amazing opportunity. We tried new styles of dance and it has given me more options for what I can do in the future."

Amber Palfreyman, formerly of The Sir John Colfox Academy, said, "The school has an amazing vibe, support, hard work and determination. I will never forget my experience and wish I could live it again!"

Lucy Scott, Lecturer of Performing Arts at Yeovil College, said, "It's a fantastic experience for our students to get inspired. The performance from the Wilkes Academy students showed how talented the performers are."

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The Yeovil College Performing Arts course explores the creative and commercial environment of performing arts by furthering the understanding of a range of performance and choreography skills with a focus on the main dance specialisms. The course includes developing skills in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Urban alongside masterclasses delivered by industry professionals.

Yeovil College has been serving the community in and around Yeovil for 130 years. The College was first formed in 1887 when Somerset County Council began formally organising Science and Art classes in Yeovil. In 1947, the first Principal was appointed to lead Yeovil Technical College and when secondary education in the Yeovil Borough was reorganised in 1974, Yeovil College became one of the early tertiary colleges to be formed in England.

Today, Yeovil College remains passionate about its role as a key provider of education and training in South Somerset and North and West Dorset. It remains committed to its role as a tertiary college for the whole community and currently supports around 5000 full and part-time students.

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Photograph shows
Yeovil College Level 3 Performing Arts students outside Wilkes Academy