



# ARIEL OTHELLOS

**Prospectus**

**PASSION FOR PERFORMING SKILLS FOR LIFE**

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# WELCOME

A very warm welcome to 'Ariel Othellos SEN'

Ariel Othellos SEN is a community drama project delivered by Ariel Community Theatre, designed for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities.

Our weekly classes run for one hour at various locations across Mid and West Sussex. Drama activities, singing and movement are at the heart of our sessions, with a strong emphasis on building confidence, fostering a sense of belonging, and harnessing creativity to inspire a "passion for performing skills for life."

Over the years, we have gained a national, award-winning reputation. Ariel Othellos provides the ideal setting for students to express themselves in a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

**We can't wait to meet you.**



*Belong*



*Ambition*



*Create*



*Fun*



*Confidence*

# Musical Theatre Productions





# A Week at Othellos

## Students Develop Across All Disciplines

At Ariel, the Othellos are led by our Artistic Directors, **Nicci Hopson** and **Bev Locke**, supported by a dedicated team of skilled Tutors, Support Tutors and pastoral/administrative staff. Many have been part of Ariel for years, bringing a wealth of experience, creativity and passion for the arts. Together, they know the academy inside out and are committed to nurturing every student's unique talents.

Our curriculum provides a well-rounded performing arts education, ensuring students thrive across all disciplines:

### Technical Skills

- **Acting:** voice projection, movement, characterisation, improvisation and creative writing.
- **Singing:** breath control, diction, expression, tone colour and intonation, with a focus on acting through song.
- **Dance:** rhythm, coordination, flexibility, posture and musicality across a variety of dance styles.

Combining acting, singing and dance equips students with core theatrical skills and essential life skills, including teamwork, resilience and creativity. These disciplines bring mental and emotional benefits, build confidence, improve communication and foster self-expression, giving students pride in their achievements.

### Transferable Life Skills

Beyond the stage, Ariel students develop skills that extend into every area of life. collaboration, discipline, problem-solving and adaptability learned through performing arts are invaluable in education, work and personal relationships. By setting goals, overcoming challenges and celebrating successes, students gain a strong sense of confidence and pride that supports lifelong growth and achievement.

### Musical Theatre

Bringing together singing, acting and dance to create versatile performers who can combine these disciplines into one dynamic art form.

### Showcase Preparation

Students work towards Ariel's annual showcase, performed in a professional theatre. This highlight of the year gives every student the opportunity to perform on a large stage in front of an audience.

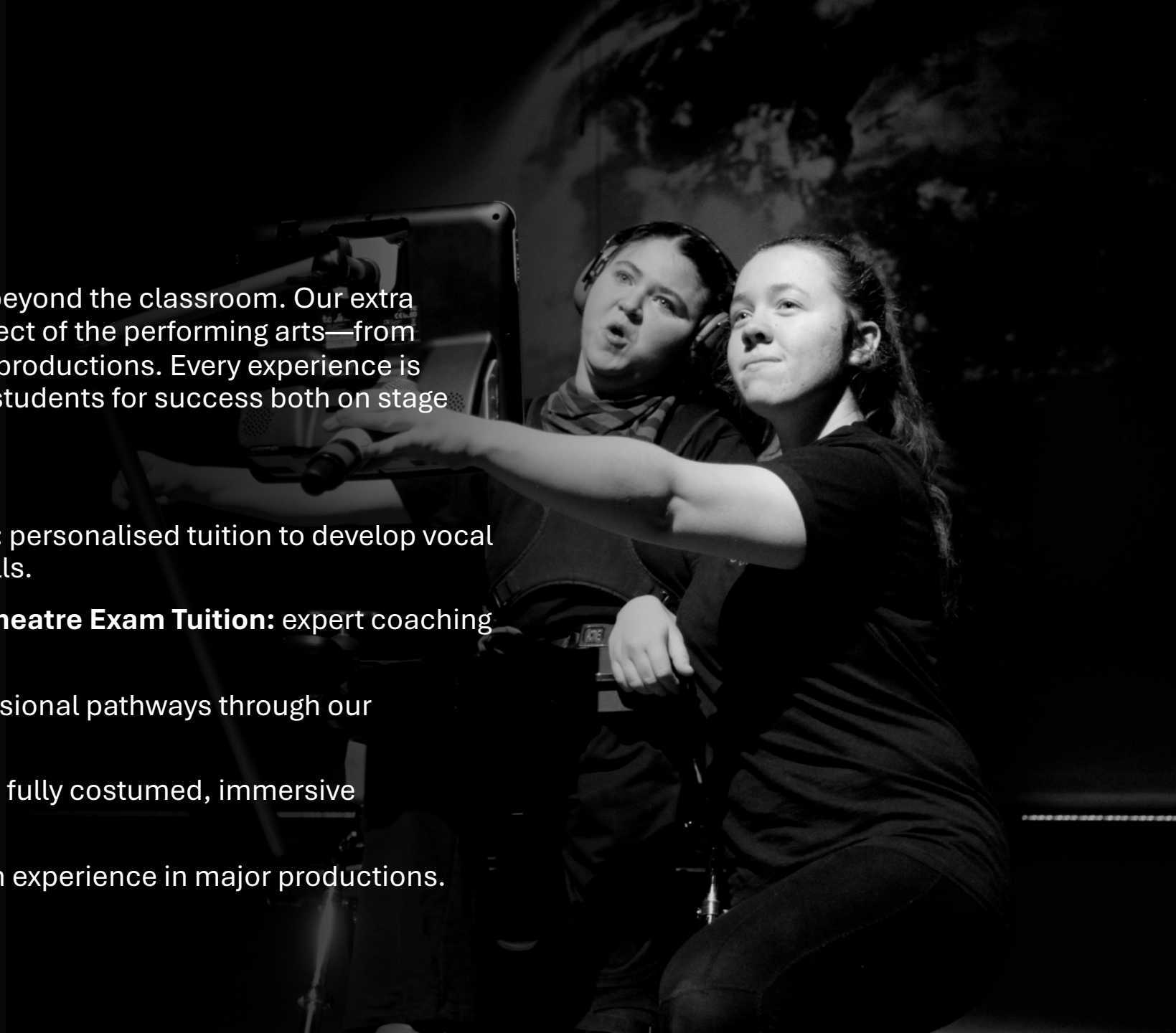
Throughout the year, students thrive in a supportive, inclusive and creative environment, where every individual is encouraged to shine. At Ariel, we don't just teach performing arts—we inspire confidence, creativity and a lifelong love of performance.

# Beyond the Classroom

At Ariel Othellos, drama education goes far beyond the classroom. Our extra services allow students to explore every aspect of the performing arts—from personalised tuition and choirs to full-scale productions. Every experience is designed to inspire, challenge, and prepare students for success both on stage and beyond.

## Our Extra Services include:

- **One-to-One Singing and Acting Classes:** personalised tuition to develop vocal strength, technique, and performance skills.
- **One-to-One LAMDA & LAMDA Musical Theatre Exam Tuition:** expert coaching to support exam success.
- **Industry Opportunities:** access to professional pathways through our affiliation with a top London agent.
- **High-Quality Productions & Workshops:** fully costumed, immersive experiences throughout the year.
- **Full-Scale Plays and Musicals:** hands-on experience in major productions.



# Our Students

## Classes for Ages 4–19

We offer age-appropriate classes for children and young people aged 4–19, designed to support their individual stage of development.

Classes are kept small to ensure plenty of individual attention. Our experienced tutors work closely with each student to build confidence, develop skills, and help them reach their full potential.

Inclusivity at Ariel

The Othellos are supported by our unique Buddy Programme, where senior Ariel students buddy with Othellos participants. This ensures that every student can fully access lessons and achieve their best in a supportive and encouraging environment.

We also run a 19+ Othellos group, offering opportunities for adults to continue developing their skills in a welcoming and engaging setting.



# Our Academies

Inspiring Young Performers across Sussex

## Othello (Ages 7–19) – Saturdays

- Burgess Hill Academy: 13:30 – 14:30
- Crawley Academy: 09:00 – 10:00
- East Grinstead Academy: 13:00 – 14:00
- Haywards Heath Academy: 17:15 – 18:15
- Horsham Academy: 17:00 – 18:00
- Shoreham Academy: 13:00 – 14:00

## Othellos Plus (19 Plus) – Thursdays

Burgess Hill Academy:

- Graduation Group: 18:00 – 19:00
- Othellos Plus : 19:00 – 20:00



BURGESS HILL



EAST GRINSTEAD



CRAWLEY



HAYWARDS HEATH



SHOREHAM



HORSHAM

# Meet the Team

Our drama academy is led by a team of highly experienced and passionate principals who have been with the company for many years. They bring a wealth of knowledge, creativity, and dedication to nurturing talent in every student. Committed to a diverse and inclusive approach, they tailor their guidance to each individual, ensuring a one-to-one, caring, and supportive learning environment. Their innovative methods and personal attention create the perfect foundation for aspiring performers to grow, explore, and excel.



**Nicci Hopson**  
Creative Director



**Bev Locke**  
Creative Director



**Rachel Nunns**  
Buddy Co-ordinator



**Erin Joste**



**Matt Godfrey**



**Noah Dawson**



**Kaytlin Smith**



**Ben Hopkins**



**Tamara Castle**

# In the Spotlight

We're beyond excited to celebrate some of our incredible graduates and Ariel Alumni as they take their next steps into the world of performance.



# THOMAS

## WHEN DID YOU JOIN ARIEL?

I JOINED ARIEL IN 2016 WHEN I WAS 9 YEARS OLD.

## HOW HAS ARIEL'S APPROACH TO INCLUSIVITY IMPACTED YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE?

ARIEL'S APPROACH TO INCLUSIVITY HAS HAD A HUGE IMPACT ON MY LIFE! WHEN I JOINED, I WAS AN OTHELLO DUE TO MY AUTISM AND MILD CEREBRAL PALSY. I LOVED ATTENDING A PERFORMING ARTS GROUP THAT INCLUDED EVERYONE, ENCOURAGED US TO SHINE, AND SUPPORTED ME ALL THE WAY. LATER, I JOINED LAMDA LESSONS, DEVELOPED A REAL LOVE FOR ACTING, JOINED TEMPESTS, AND NOW I'M ALSO A BUDDY TO YOUNGER OTHELLOS. NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT ARIEL'S COMMITMENT TO REAL INCLUSION.

## HOW DO YOU FEEL IT HAS BENEFITED YOU?

ATTENDING ARIEL HAS GIVEN ME SO MANY LEARNING AND PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES. I'VE MADE LOTS OF FRIENDS WITH AMAZING PEOPLE, GROWN IN CONFIDENCE, AND FOUND SO MUCH JOY. GOING TO ARIEL IS GENUINELY THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY WEEK!

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF GOING TO ARIEL?

BEING PART OF SUCH A FANTASTIC COMMUNITY. I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH A KIND, FUN GROUP OF PEOPLE, CREATING MEMORIES TOGETHER.

## HAVE YOUR EXPERIENCES AT ARIEL INFLUENCED YOUR FUTURE GOALS OR CAREER CHOICES?

ABSOLUTELY! I'VE JUST ENROLLED IN LEVEL 2 PERFORMING ARTS AT COLLEGE, WHICH I WOULDN'T HAVE CONSIDERED IF I HADN'T BEEN PART OF ARIEL.

## HOW HAS BEING PART OF ARIEL HELPED YOU FEEL INCLUDED AND SUPPORTED, AND WHAT MAKES THIS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PLACES YOU'VE EXPERIENCED?

WHAT SETS ARIEL APART IS THE KINDNESS I'VE EXPERIENCED. EVERYONE—FROM TUTORS TO BUDDIES, YOUNGER TO OLDER STUDENTS—IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP, SUPPORT, AND ENCOURAGE ME. IT'S REALLY SPECIAL.

## IN WHAT WAYS DOES ARIEL'S COMMUNITY MAKE YOU FEEL WELCOMED AND VALUED?

I FEEL LIKE MY OPINIONS REALLY COUNT, AND I CAN TALK TO LOTS OF PEOPLE KNOWING I'LL BE LISTENED TO.

## WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE THINKING ABOUT JOINING ARIEL?

GO FOR IT AND BE YOURSELF—YOU'LL LOVE IT!

# PARENTS NOTE

WE TRULY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN WHEN EXPRESSING JUST HOW IMPORTANT ARIEL HAS BEEN IN THOMAS' DEVELOPMENT. TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS, WE ALWAYS SAY ARIEL IS EVERYTHING TO HIM! NOT ONLY HAS HE ACHIEVED ALL OF HIS LAMDA QUALIFICATIONS, PERFORMED COUNTLESS TIMES, AND GAINED INVALUABLE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PERFORMING ARTS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, ARIEL HAS PROVIDED HIM WITH A PROFOUND SENSE OF BELONGING. FINDING A PLACE WHERE THOMAS COULD FINALLY BE HIMSELF, FEEL ACCEPTED, AND BE CELEBRATED FOR WHO HE TRULY IS HAS MEANT THE WORLD TO US. THE JOY AND CONFIDENCE ARIEL HAS BROUGHT TO THOMAS OVER THE YEARS ARE BEYOND MEASURE, AND AS PARENTS, WE WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON OUR SON'S LIFE.





# The Fees



As an independent, family-run academy, rather than a franchise, we are able to offer affordable fees while maintaining the highest standards of teaching.



We believe that high-quality performing arts training should be accessible, and we are confident that our students receive exceptional value for money — combining professional level tuition with a warm and supportive environment.



Discretionary scholarships are also available, as we are passionate about ensuring that as many young people as possible can benefit from the confidence, skills, and opportunities our lessons provide.



Upon completion of our enquiry form, full fee details will be sent to you: [Enquiry Form](#)

# Connect With Us

- Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates and community news.
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- Visit our website for detailed information on programmes and events.
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