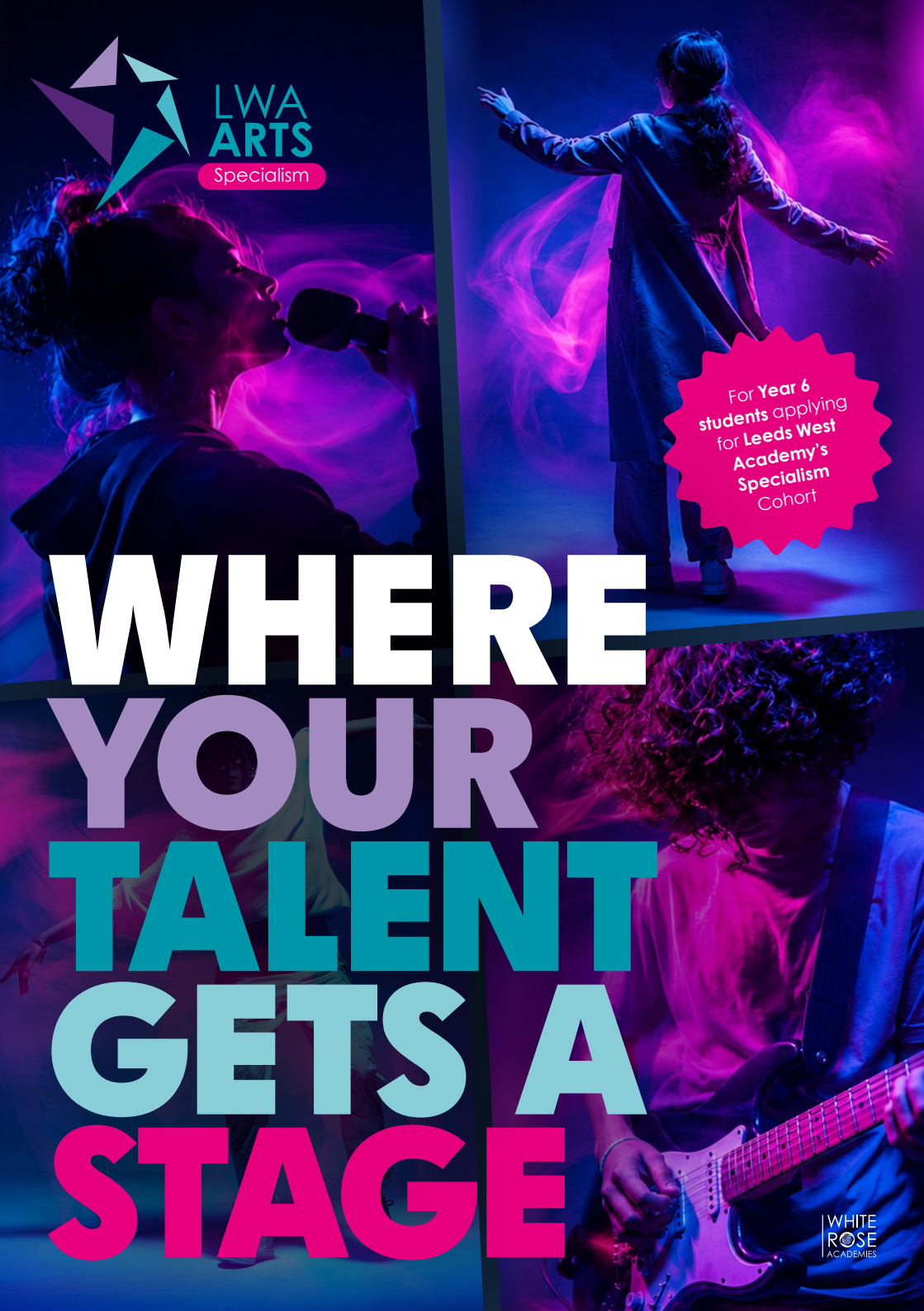

LWA
ARTS
Specialism
For Year 6 students applying for Leeds West Academy's Specialism Cohort
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WELCOME TO LWA ARTS

We are a Performing Arts Academy interwoven into Leeds West Academy's culture and community to support and develop passion, talent and a love for Dance, Music and Drama.

Get ready for a year full of performing. You'll spend whole days working with real industry professionals, take to the stage six times a year, go on trips, and start every morning building the skills that turn nerves into confidence.



3 full days off timetable, **working with real industry professionals**	**6 annual shows**, not including the Whole School Show
Wider performance and **participation in community events**	**Annual trips** and **enrichment opportunities**
Form Time provision interweaving **Dance, Drama** and **Music** into literacy	Specialism **Choir**
Your own **LWA Arts clothing** including **t-shirt, hoodie** and **pin badges**	Bespoke **Form Time provision**
Individual or **small-group instrumental** and **vocal lessons** taught by visiting **professional music teachers**	**Specialism Ambassadors**
Involvement in the Whole **School Show**	**And so much more!**

LOOK THE PART

Every student gets our LWA Arts clothing



PLAY YOUR PART

Join like-minded peers and get a feel for what it's like auditioning for and performing in professionally produced, award-winning productions in front of live audiences in our state of the art on-site theatre.











STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

You'll get the chance to take part in new and exciting, award-winning productions that will build your performance skills, grow your confidence and create lasting memories.

Matilda Jr.

LWA's talented performers brought Roald Dahl's Matilda Jr. The Musical to life, delivering a magical, energetic production filled with memorable characters, brilliant music and unforgettable moments.



What do our current Specialism students say:

My favourite part about being in the Performing Arts Specialism is having new opportunities, meeting new people and improving my skills. My favourite experiences have been taking part in the & Juliet workshop and working with Tyler Pickles because they were really exciting and helped me learn new performance techniques, build my confidence and develop my singing, acting and dancing skills which is important as I have never done this before. My advice to anyone wanting to join the specialism is to never give up and always show resilience. Even if something feels difficult at first, you will keep improving and get better over time.

Mary Poppins

LWA's performers delighted audiences with Mary Poppins Jr. The Musical, combining wonderful performances, captivating music and spectacular staging to create a truly memorable theatrical experience for everyone.











Our other shows include: Legally Blonde, Rock of Ages, High School Musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Which performance will you be part of?

BECOME A PART OF OUR SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI

Every star starts somewhere. Here are some household names that started right here!

Natalie Anderson
Actress and Singer

Natalie Anderson is known for her performances in Emmerdale, The Royal and Hollyoaks. She first gained national attention as a finalist on the BBC talent show Fame Academy.

Angela Griffin
Actress and Presenter

One of Britain's best-known television actresses, appearing in series including Coronation Street, Waterloo Road, Lewis and White Lines. She has also presented numerous television programmes.

Andrew-Lee Potts
Actor and Director

Andrew-Lee Potts is recognised internationally for roles in Primeval, Alice and many other television productions. Alongside acting, he has worked as a writer and director.

Jack P. Shepherd
Actor

Best known for playing David Platt in Coronation Street, a role that has earned him numerous awards. He has become one of the programme's most recognisable stars.

'Mel B' Melanie Brown
Singer, TV Presenter

Mel B rose to worldwide fame as "Scary Spice" in the Spice Girls, one of the most successful pop groups in history. She has sold millions of records and later became a television presenter and talent show judge.

FOLLOW THE SCRIPT

YOUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

Half Term	Key Events
Half Term 1	Open Evening; LWA Elite Dance Company Auditions; Whole School Show Auditions; Halloween Show Auditions; Drop Down Day 1; Halloween Show
Half Term 2	Christmas Show Auditions; Christmas Show; Rock 'n' Roll Pantomime Trip; Rewards Assemblies
Half Term 3	Whole-School Show Performance; Rewards Assemblies
Half Term 4	Dance Show Auditions; Dance Show; Rewards Assemblies
Half Term 5	Drop Down Day 2; Specialism Show; Rewards Assemblies
Half Term 6	Drop Down Day 3; Summer Show; Rewards Assemblies; Transition Day Specialism Role Models; Transition Evening Performance

SPECIALISM THROUGH FORM TIME

Once a week in Form Time, Specialism students explore scripted techniques, acting skills and literacy through creative performance tasks in the drama and dance studios.
Students experience scripted performance, prose-to-performance, spoken word, songwriting and devising tasks designed to build both literacy and performance confidence.

Key Events

Half Term	Year 7	Year 8
Half Term 1	Ghost Stories	A Ghost in My Tent
Half Term 2	Devising from Prose	Script to Stage
Half Term 3	Introduction to Script Work	Monologue and Duologue Skills
Half Term 4	Songwriting and Lyrics	Devising from Prose or Poetry
Half Term 5	Physical Theatre and Group Performance	Theatre-Making / Spoken Word / Songwriting
Half Term 6	Performance Showcase	Celebration Project

KEY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Event	What this means
Drop Down Days & External Workshops	Full days off timetable working with experienced professionals, rehearsing for shows and taking part in career-inspired workshops.
Auditions	Regular opportunities across the year to create solo, duet or group numbers, or join extra-curricular provision.
Perfor-mance Shows	Six annual shows involving all Specialism students, prepared through Morning Provision and Form Time.
Wider Events	Community performances where students act as role models and ambassadors for the provision.
Trips	Trips as a cohort to expand students' knowledge and understanding of the performing arts industry.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- LWA Dance Elite
- Key Stage 3 Drama Company
- Year 9 Dance Company
- LWA Choir
- LWA Band
- Film and TV Club
- Whole School Show
- Specialism Choir

Specialism Choir

Alongside Morning Provision, Specialism students meet for singing rehearsal to support future performance opportunities.

External Agency Links

CAPA Intensive Days • Rebel Roots • Art Forms Leeds Music • Phoenix Dance Theatre • Northern Contemporary • Leeds Heritage Theatres • LB Academy • Top of the Rock Tuition • and more.



WHY JOIN THE PERFORMING ARTS SPECIALISM?

- Build confidence through regular rehearsals and live performance.
- Develop skills across Dance, Drama and Music.
- Work with industry professionals and external partners.
- Take part in shows, trips, community events and workshops.
- Become part of a creative cohort with high expectations and strong support.
- Represent Leeds West Academy as performers, role models and ambassadors.

Apply through live audition for the 2027–2028 Performing Arts Specialism cohort.



HOW TO APPLY: LIVE AUDITION

Entry to the Performing Arts Specialism cohort is through a live audition. The audition gives Year 6 students the opportunity to show their enthusiasm, creativity, performance potential and commitment to the arts.

Specialism places

Leeds West Academy takes up to 10% of students into the Performing Arts Specialism cohort. Students who audition successfully can gain a Specialism place at Leeds West Academy, including students who live outside the school catchment area.

What could students prepare?

- **Dance**: a short solo, duet or group-style piece showing movement, rhythm and performance quality.
- **Drama**: a monologue, short scene or devised piece showing character, voice and confidence.
- **Music**: a vocal or instrumental piece showing musicality, commitment and potential.
- Students may audition in one or more disciplines: Dance, Drama and/or Music.

We are looking for potential

Students do not need to be perfect. We want to see passion, commitment, creativity, confidence and willingness to develop.

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