

Update on organisational transition from the Conservatoire for Dance & Drama to the University of the West of England Bristol.

To all BOVTS students,

Over the past 18 months, the Conservatoire and its Schools have been working closely with one another and with the Office for Students to move towards new arrangements, with each of the Schools pursuing an independent pathway outside of the Conservatoire. We are pleased to confirm that as of 23rd June 2022, each of the Schools has achieved its desired outcome and the transition to new arrangements will be effective from 1 August 2022.

The Conservatoire will continue to support the Schools up to 31st July in preparing for the next phase of their journeys as providers of world-leading higher education and training in the performing arts.

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's long-established partnership with the University of the West of England Bristol continues. This means that whilst you will cease to be a student of the CDD, you will remain a student of UWE Bristol.

For you these things will change from August:

- Terms and conditions – whilst you were a CDD student you were subject to a set of [CDD Terms & Conditions](#) and also signed up to the UWE Bristol terms and conditions where they applied to your study at BOVTS. From 1 August you will be subject only to the UWE Bristol terms and conditions [UWE Bristol Terms & Conditions](#).
- You will be covered by UWE Bristol's [Student Protection Plan](#) and UWE Bristol's [Refunds and Compensation policy](#).
- If you have a complaint which is not resolved by BOVTS or by UWE you still have the right to a review of your complaint by the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education (OIA) and this will be managed by UWE Bristol, who will issue the Completion of Procedures Letter that allows you to use the OIA scheme.
- You will not have the links to students in other Member Schools of the Conservatoire previously facilitated by CDD. If you would like to maintain links then you should talk to Fiona Francombe.

These things will NOT change:

- You will continue on the same course which always was, and will stay, validated by UWE Bristol so if you are successful you will receive a UWE Bristol degree.
- There will be no changes to your course delivery arising from this change in your student contract.
- You will continue to study at BOVTS and your day to day activities will not be any different to your experience so far.

BOVTS students continue to have access to UWE Bristol libraries and campuses, Students Union and other facilities. For any more information about any of these, please talk to Julia Heeley.

On behalf of BOVTS we wish our member schools all the very best for their futures and thank them and CDD for their support, collaboration and oversight of our students.

With best wishes,

Fiona Francombe
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