



## **Stella - my learning journey**

A career in Musical Theatre is not always something I envisioned myself having, but since starting Sixth Form I knew that was the path I wanted to take. Being on stage is something I live for and I know that it's what I want to spend the rest of my life doing.

Since being in Year 7, I have been sure that university would be my next step in education. Even though I have only recently decided on the subject I want to pursue, university has always been my goal. The teachers at Stoke Park have been very helpful with making sure that being accepted into the universities of my choice would become a realistic and achievable prospect.

I was very pleased with the results of my GCSE exams. After working endlessly hard at my studies and constantly making time for revision, receiving the grades that I had hoped for, especially an A in English, made me realise that I had the potential to achieve whatever I worked for. And it was this mind-set that ensured I finished Year 12 with grades I was happy with in all three of my A Levels.

After finishing Year 12 I became 100% certain that Drama, more specifically Musical Theatre, was where my heart was at. I then began to look into universities offering my course and other ways I could become more involved with theatre as a whole. My summer then consisted of volunteering at the local theatre, which enabled me to watch countless shows, and partaking in two theatre workshops, which gave me the understanding of the skills and qualities I would need to get into university.

I came back to Stoke Park in September ready to start Year 13 and push myself, not only in my studies, but as a person. Right now I'm completing my personal statement and am looking to apply to university where I will hopefully pursue the career I strive for.