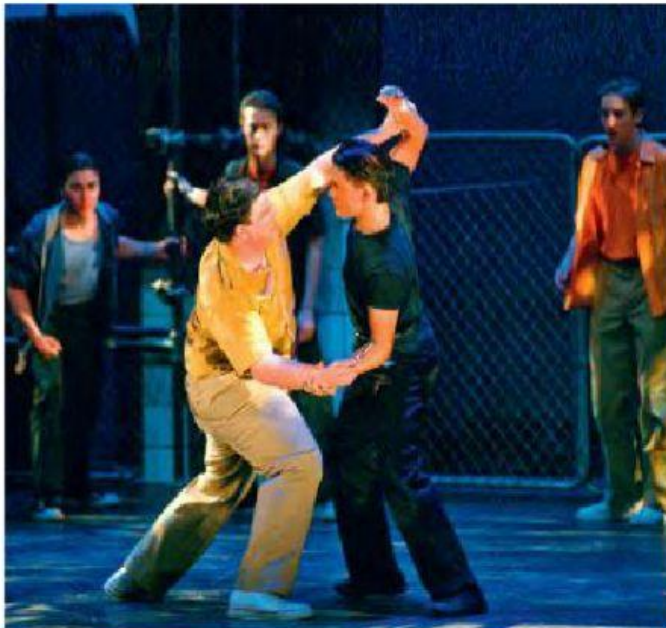


A DIFFERENT WAY TO LEARN

1. Read the following texts.



A The Brit School is the only state school for performing arts in Britain. It prepares students aged 14–19 for careers in theatre, music and film. Students study compulsory subjects like Maths and English every week but they also choose special options like acting, dance and singing. Former students include the singers Amy Winehouse and Leona Lewis. Ashley, 17, is in Year 12:

My main subject is Theatre. The course lasts two years and this week we're working on a political drama that we're writing ourselves. My friends are practising right now. Next week we're producing a musical. I'm getting fantastic experience – my skills are really improving. Brit students sometimes get professional work, too. For example, this term I'm acting in a TV medical drama and next summer I'm appearing in a musical in London.

B Sands is a private day school with about forty pupils, girls and boys aged 11–17. It's a democratic school: there is no head teacher, **pupils don't wear uniform** and they always call their teachers by their first names. Lessons are optional, even Maths and English. **Every week the school has a meeting** and teachers and students vote about the rules together.

Laura, 15, is a pupil:

Before Sands, I went to the local secondary school but for me there was too much discipline. At Sands, teachers talk to you as an individual and we all work together. For example, we voted to learn Spanish, so two of our teachers are learning Spanish online with us. Next term we're going on a school trip to Spain. Pupils also have responsibilities: at the moment, some students are cooking lunch and some are sweeping the classrooms. I feel that I'm becoming more confident at Sands.



2. Read the sentences below and choose the correct option.

1. Both schools are private.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
2. Brit School is a single-sex school.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
3. Brit School specialises in Theatre.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
4. Maths and English aren't compulsory in Sands.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
5. There are a few students in these schools.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
6. It's not necessary to wear a uniform in neither school.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
7. Students make the rules in Sands.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
8. There is too much discipline in the local secondary school.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
9. Ashley and her friends are rehearsing for a TV medical drama right now.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say
10. Students have special responsibilities at Sands.
a. True b. False c. It doesn't say