



# South Lincolnshire --- Academies Trust

Careers Education

**JOB**  
OF THE WEEK

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# JOB

OF THE WEEK

Our Job of the week this week is an  
**Actor/ Actress**



# Job of the Week—Actor/ Actress

## WHAT YOU DO

- Researching your role
- Learning your lines
- Rehearsing
- Attending fittings for costumes
- Preparing for and going to auditions
- Contacting agents and finding the next job
- Travel with shows

## WHAT YOU WEAR

Smart-casual for auditions but costume will vary with each character you play



## WORKING CONDITIONS

Television studio, in the community, live theatre or on a TV/ film set.  
Outdoors may be in all weathers potentially

## WORKING HOURS

45-47 p/w  
Evenings, weekends, bank holidays and travelling/ stay away

## ANNUAL LEAVE

Dependant on contract

## ANNUAL INCOME

Variable



## SKILLS REQUIRED

- Knowledge of the fine arts
- The ability to work well with others
- Persistence and determination
- The ability to use your initiative
- To enjoy working with other people
- To be flexible and open to change
- Knowledge of English language
- Knowledge of media production and communication
- Confident with computer or hand-held device
- To pass auditions

## EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

**University:** To pass an audition and at least 1 A level, or equivalent, for a foundation degree/ 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for most universities, but not all require these

You could do a foundation degree, degree or postgraduate diploma in drama, or other relevant subject like:

- Performance studies
- Contemporary theatre and performance
- Acting
- Musical theatre

**Volunteering:** A must in this highly competitive market

- Amateur, community or youth theatre
- College and university drama societies
- Student drama festivals and competitions



# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

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## Actors, entertainers and presenters

Actors, entertainers and presenters sing, portray roles in dramatic productions, perform comedy routines, gymnastic feats and tricks of illusion, train animals to perform and perform with them, and introduce and present radio and television programmes.

Common tasks in this job:

- studies script, play or book and prepares and rehearses interpretation;
- assumes character created by a playwright or author and communicates this to an audience;
- performs singing, comedy, acrobatic, illusion and conjuring routines;
- trains animals to perform entertaining routines and may perform with them;

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## Arts officers, producers and directors

Arts officers, producers and directors assume creative, financial and organisational responsibilities in the production and direction of television and radio programmes, films, stage presentations, content for other media, and the promotion and exhibition of other creative activities.

Common tasks in this job:

- chooses writers, scripts, technical staff and performers, and assumes overall responsibility for completion of project on time and within budget;
- directs actors, designers, camera team, sound crew and other production and technical staff to achieve desired effects;
- breaks script into scenes and formulates a shooting schedule that will be most economical in terms of time, location and sets;
- prepares rehearsal and production schedule for main events, design of sets and costumes, technical rehearsals and dress rehearsals;

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## Further education teaching professionals

Further education teaching professionals supervise and teach trade, technical, commercial, adult education, secondary and post-secondary courses to students beyond minimum school leaving age.

Common tasks in this job:

- prepares, delivers and directs lectures, seminars and tutorials;
- prepares, administers and marks examinations, essays and other assignments;
- arranges instructional visits and periods of employment experience for students;
- assists with the administration of teaching and the arranging of timetables;

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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

# JOB OF THE WEEK

Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[Actor | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[How to Become an Actor in the UK \(backstage.com\)](#)

[How To Become An Actor | UCAS Progress | UCAS](#)

[How to become a professional actor without drama school training \(thestage.co.uk\)](#)