

# Culture Unit 5

## Tring Park School

- 1 **Underline** the subjects in the box that are performing arts.

art dance drama geography history maths  
music science

- 2 **Read the text. Complete gaps 1–4 with sentence parts a–d.**

- a English, maths, geography, history and science
- b movie night, football, swimming, bowling or rock climbing
- c in the latest Star Wars film *The Force Awakens*
- d not an ordinary school, but a school for the performing arts

### Tring Park

It's 9.30 on Monday morning and the students at Tring Park School, near London, are not in their classrooms. Some of them are having dancing lessons, some are learning to act and others are singing. Tring Park is (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Students here study the same subjects as students at an ordinary school, but they also specialize in dance, drama, musical theatre or commercial music. Junior school students (ages 11–14) have three and a half hours of 'practical' classes every morning, and in the afternoons they study subjects such as (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Middle school (ages 14–16) and senior school (ages 16–19) students study in the morning and have four and a half hours of practical classes in the afternoon.

Tring Park is a boarding school – students study, sing, dance, eat and live here. Some students go home at the weekends, but others stay at the school. Weekend activities include (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Famous ex-students of Tring Park School include the actor Lily James, who starred in *Downton Abbey*



and the film *Cinderella*; Ella Henderson, an *X-Factor* finalist who is a successful singer-songwriter; and Daisy Ridley, who stars (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 **Read the text again. Then correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

- 1 Students at Tring Park School don't study the same subjects as students at ordinary schools.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Students specialize in English, maths, geography, history and science.  
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- 3 Junior school students have four and a half hours of 'practical' classes every afternoon.  
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- 4 All students stay at school at the weekend.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Ella Henderson is an actress.  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 4 **Match the words in the box with definitions 1–5.**

actor commercial junior senior star (v)

- 1 to have one of the main roles in a film  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 younger children under a certain age  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 a person who performs on the stage, on television or in a film  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 older children over a certain age  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 something that makes money  
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- 5 **Imagine you are a student at Tring Park School. Choose which performing art you specialize in. Write about your typical week / day. What do you want to be when you leave Tring Park School?**

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