



## **TESTIMONIALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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I found the coaching sessions with Helen Raw to be invaluable. She imbues her coaching with integrity and a friendly honesty which I found refreshing and assuring! Before coming to Helen I had absolutely no idea about my first steps into the Entertainment industry following my Performing Arts degree, but now I feel empowered to command the direction of my career with full preparedness - and to do so without getting in trouble with HMRC! Thank you, Helen!

***Olivia Olsson, North East Lincolnshire***

Helen was very professional and friendly. Her excellent teaching skills have been helpful and insightful and I will certainly recommend Helen and look forward to working with her again in the future! Thank you Helen for your expertise and kindness!

***Chantal Anne Marie Brosens, Edinburgh***

My lesson was challenging without being too overwhelming and completely without judgment. I came out with a list of things to do and was reminded of those things we all know we should do but conveniently forget to practice.

***Pandora Louise Robertson, Stockton-on-Tees***

I was requested to put myself on tape for a role which required a Scottish accent. I had no prior experience working with Scottish dialects, so I was in a bit of a panic. I'm so grateful I found Helen. She was able to take a last minute booking and helped me get a good grasp for the accent, which allowed me to forget about it and focus on performance. I have gone to dialect coaches in the past who charge \$200+ per hour... I doubt I'll be doing that next time, as I got just as much - if not more out of my session with Helen!

***Sam Smith, Los Angeles, California***

I had a wonderful one to one session with Helen who helped me with singing techniques. She is incredibly knowledgeable and has a wealth of experience that she happily shared with me. I felt I was given some great practical advice and some excellent tools to help me progress with my singing career. I would highly recommend anybody looking for the same to get in touch with her. Thank you Helen.

***Lucy Avison, Halifax***

For anyone who wants to get started as an actor, there is no better place or person to go and see but Helen Raw. She is friendly, approachable, very knowledgeable and full of common sense. If you listen and follow her advice, you too can make it to Cannes, like I did this year! Thanks Helen!!

***Lubna Kerr, Edinburgh***

Thank you so much for your time coaching me this morning. I am now approaching the film script with a new attitude and some exciting exploration!

***Evie Hasting-Jones, Edinburgh***

Working with Helen was inspirational, I was constantly searching for life to inject into my audition speeches by thinking 'outside of the box'. Helen taught me that the best place to look was within me,



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it is often a place which we ignore too often but as an actor it is the best resource library we have. Her advice and ideas, I believe, were at the forefront of me gaining a place at drama school and they will stay with me for the rest of my career.

***Fin McKiernan, Edinburgh/London***

Very good teaching & coaching environment. Excellent advice given. Will definitely feel more confident about cold readings and auditions for the camera.

***Dawn Parylo, Edinburgh***

It has made me feel very confident in breaking down a script. I will definitely apply what I have learned because I saw how effective it was for me and everyone else in the class.

***Emily Streete, Edinburgh***

The 1-1 intensive monologue breakdown session that I had with Helen really changed my whole outlook on performing a character. The thing I needed to learn was how to find my character and be that character and not "act" the character and for that character to be completely realistic because of me! In just under 2 hrs, Helen also managed to give me advice on headshots and audition presentation and techniques. With this session I feel that I have grown as an actor and all of the advice that I have received will help me as I continue my journey at Drama School. I also feel able to go back to Helen for further advice.

***Rosie Stanford, Edinburgh***

I want to thank you again for all your hard work and commitment to Pearl, which really helped develop her full potential. She has never had this kind of coaching before and I saw a huge leap in confidence and ability. Pearl now has to set her mind to doing well with her standard grades but when they are over, we will be in touch again to make further appointments with you. Pearl will be signing up for your theatre school classes in Fife too!

***Susie Appleby (Pearl's Mum), Borders***

Well, what can I say apart from a massive thank you. Your knowledge of the workings of this industry are second to none. The support, inspiration and guidance you have given to young actors, all done with a great sense of humour and a wonderfully direct approach, has been much appreciated. New performers could not make a better choice than to be taught or mentored by you. Again a massive thank you for your time and commitment!

***Mary Deane, Nottingham***

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*I look forward to working with you*

