

# Teenager is a step closer to career dream

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A GARTLY teenager has high hopes of following a star-studded career in acting.

Sophie Buxton (17) has secured a place at the International School of Screen Acting in London.

She said: "I was so excited when I heard that I had gained a place but I am a bit nervous too. The school focusses purely on screen acting, which is what I have always wanted to do, but places are limited. Eventually I hope to go to America to star in films."

Sophie applied for a place and was invited to go to London to audition.

She said, "I really enjoyed the experience, which included taking part in some workshops and a screen test. Then, just five days after I got home, they contacted me to offer a place - I was really happy and my mum was over the moon!



**Actress Sophie Buxton has gained a place in the International School of Screen Acting in London.**

"It is a little bit daunting but I have a cousin who lives in London and I'm sure I will find my feet

quickly. I'm really excited about starting the course and hope to make some connections in the industry while I am studying."

Sophie will move to London during the summer holidays to begin the two-year course.

Sophie is currently a student at the North East Scotland College, studying NC Acting and Theatre Performance and will complete the course in a few months time.

She said: "I've found the course really fun. I've learned lots, met some great people and it's helped prepare me for what I'm going to do in the future."

Sophie has always been interested in performing and has appeared in various drama productions while a pupil at The Gordon Schools.

She has a number of appearances under her belt; the highlight being when she was chosen to perform in Happy Days The Musical when it visited His Majesty's Theatre.