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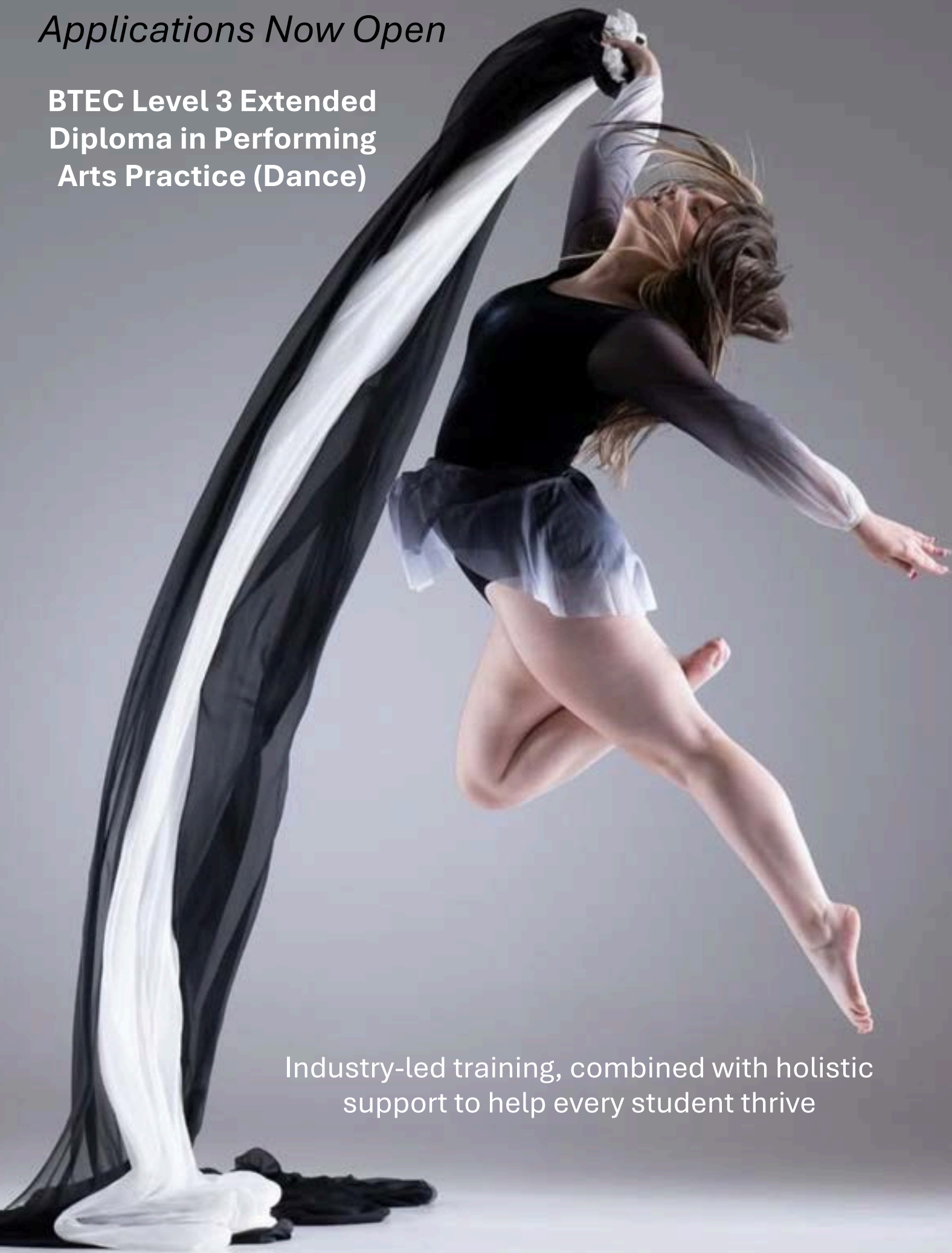
September 2027

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HALLIE'S
THE IGNITE GROUP
LEGACY

IAPA September 2027 Intake

Applications Now Open

**BTEC Level 3 Extended
Diploma in Performing
Arts Practice (Dance)**



Industry-led training, combined with holistic
support to help every student thrive

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*A professional, welcoming space
where creativity flourishes and every
student feels at home.*

Welcome

Welcome to Ignite Academy of Performing Arts (IAPA) - a place where young people are encouraged to grow, create, and step confidently into their future.

At IAPA, every student is supported to discover their strengths, embrace challenges, and develop as both artists and individuals. Our personalised course blends professional-standard training in performing arts with dedicated wellbeing and personal development support.

As part of Hallie's Legacy CIC, IAPA embodies Hallie's vision of creativity, compassion, and community. We are committed to providing opportunities where young people can thrive through the arts - developing not only their talent, but their confidence, wellbeing, and sense of belonging.

"I'm proud to lead an academy dedicated to nurturing confident, capable, and creative individuals who thrive both artistically and personally."

Emma Colquhoun
Principal





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*Your journey starts here -
take the first step towards
your creative potential.*

Our Vision and Values



Our Vision

To empower young performers to grow into confident, creative, and compassionate artists who make a positive impact in the world.

Our Core Values

Creativity - Celebrate imagination, individuality, and artistic exploration.

Excellence - Deliver professional-standard training and high achievement.

Community - Build an inclusive, welcoming environment where every student belongs.

Wellbeing - Holistic / nurturing mental, emotional and physical health.



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Location and Facilities

From early 2026, Ignite opened its newly renovated, purpose-built home in the heart of Corby, Northamptonshire (Midlands).

A bright space designed to inspire creativity, collaboration and community for young performers.

Rooted in community and connected to opportunity.

Facilities -

Three fully-equipped, air conditioned studios.

Sanctuary -

Dedicated classroom and wellbeing spaces for learning and reflection.

Home-from-Home -

Changing rooms, kitchen/dining area, offices, reception, and chill out zones.

Accessibility -

Full accessibility throughout all spaces, ensuring inclusivity for all students.

Connections -

10-minute walk from Corby Train Station and close to town centre.

1 hour direct train to London, The hub of the UK's entertainment industry.

Life at IAPA

Life at IAPA is dynamic, supportive and full of creative energy. Students receive professional training beyond the studio, developing artistry, resilience and confidence through every experience.

Industry-Led Training

Expert tuition to develop professional-standard skills.

Accelerated Dance Pathway

Intensive, focused training designed to fast-track technique, versatility, and performance readiness.

Dance Showcases & Event Performances

Immersive experiences that bring students closer to the professional stage.

Holistic Wellbeing Support

Fostering confidence, resilience, and personal growth alongside artistic development.

Mentorship From Industry Professionals

Personalised guidance to inspire, challenge, and empower every student.

Create, perform and grow. Experience a journey that develops confidence and passion for performance.



Why choose IAPA?

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**IAPA is dedicated to nurturing versatile, confident,
and resilient performers.**



Tailored Training

Nurturing each student's unique strengths, passions, and career goals, ensuring every performer reaches their full potential.

Dedicated Wellbeing Support

Providing guidance, care, and balance to help every student thrive both on and off the stage.

A Strong Sense of Belonging

Where every student is supported, valued, and empowered to reach their potential.

*IAPA - developing confidence,
versatility, and industry-
ready skills.*

Next Steps

Opening doors to advanced opportunities, industry connections, and the next stage in each student's performing arts journey.





*Nurturing talent,
inspiring ambition,
and celebrating
achievement.*

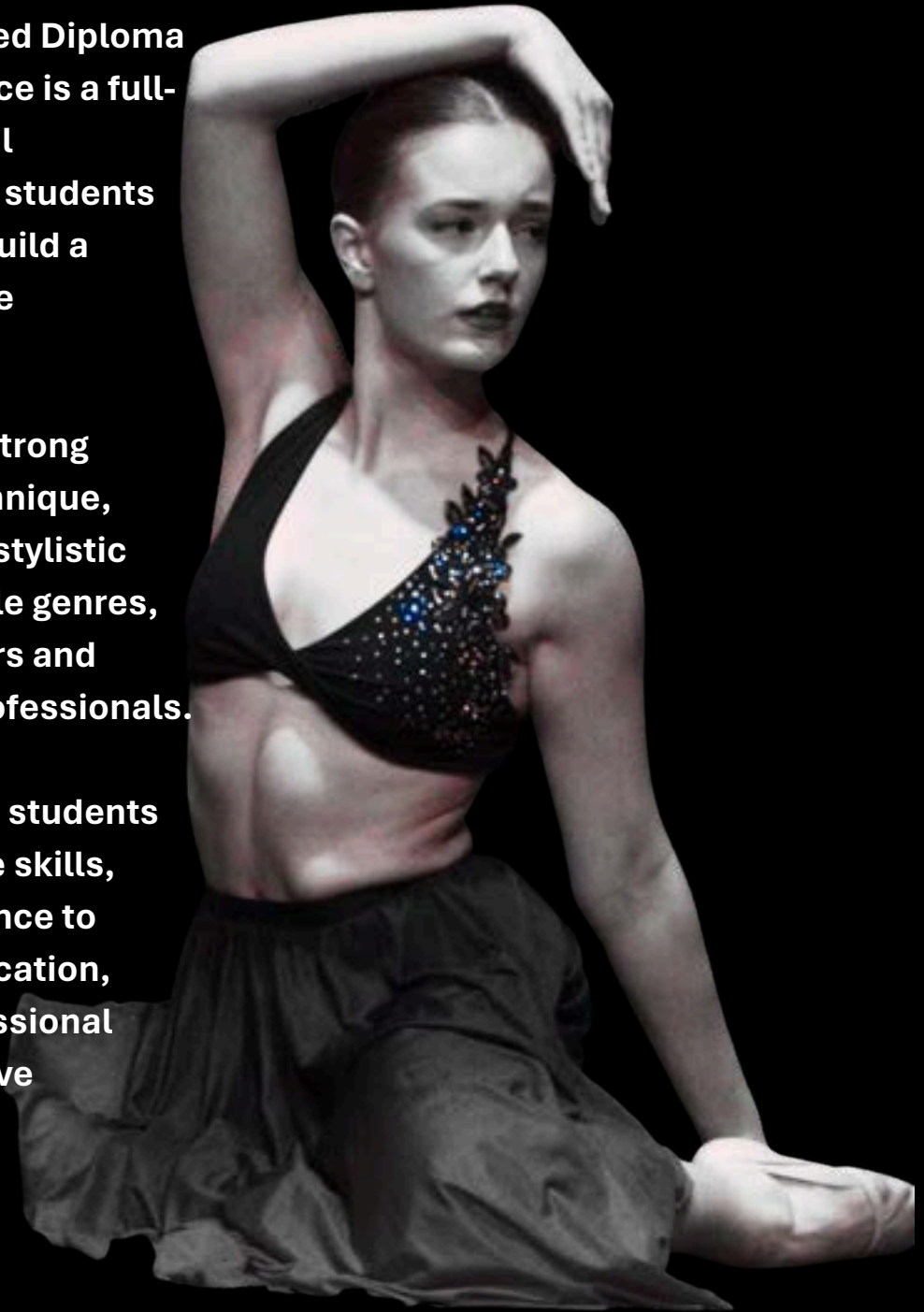
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice (Dance)

(Equivalent to 3 A levels)

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice is a full-time, two-year vocational programme designed for students aged 16+ who aspire to build a professional career in the performing arts industry.

Learners will develop a strong foundation in dance technique, performance skills, and stylistic versatility across multiple genres, taught by specialist tutors and experienced industry professionals.

By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the skills, experience, and confidence to progress into higher education, conservatoires, or professional careers within the creative industries.



*Develop your skills, discover your artistry,
and define your future.*

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice: Dance Pathway

Assessment & Performance

Assessment is 100% coursework-based, designed to reflect real industry practice.

Students are assessed through:

- Practical performances and showcases
- Choreographic and devised projects
- Rehearsal observation and feedback
- Reflective journals and written evaluations
- Research and creative process portfolios

Typical Week

- Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:30pm with optional Friday workshops.
- 5 daily classes across various styles, balanced with rest and wellbeing.
- Regular opportunities to perform and collaborate.

Application Process

1. Complete Your Application

Complete our online application form through the IAPA website.

This gives us an opportunity to learn more about you, your experience and your ambitions for performing arts.

2. Application Review

Every application is personally reviewed by the IAPA team.

We'll then contact you with information about the next stage of the process and, where appropriate, invite you to audition.

3. Audition

Our audition gives you the opportunity to train with the IAPA team and demonstrate your skills across dance, performance and creative work. You'll also get a feel for our training environment and meet the team.

4. Offer & Next Steps

Following the audition, successful applicants will receive further information about joining IAPA, including the enrolment process and next steps towards starting in September 2027.

Ready to apply? Scan the QR code to complete your application online or visit: www.igniteimpact.co.uk



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Audition Day

- Auditions give you the chance to experience life at IAPA and showcase your potential.
- Technique classes in Ballet, Jazz, and Commercial.
- 1:1 interview to discuss goals, interests, and how IAPA can support you and your journey.

Audition Tips

- Show passion, commitment, and individuality.
- Listen to feedback and apply it during the session.
- Ask questions during your interview to share your ambitions.

Be brave, be yourself, and let your passion shine. This is where your performing arts journey begins.

Meet the Team

Leadership:

Emma Colquhoun

Principal/Director

A compassionate and visionary leader dedicated to continuing Hallie's Legacy through exceptional performing arts education. With over a decade of safeguarding experience as a midwife, Emma leads with empathy, integrity, and purpose - inspiring a culture of care, creativity, and ambition at Ignite Academy.



"I dance because it's something I've always been passionate about. It allows me to express myself and share the love I have for dance."

Hallie Mae Colquhoun

■ Meet the Team

Course Leaders & Tutors

Joshua-Samuel Freeman

A dynamic performer, teacher, and choreographer with experience across stage and screen. An Urdang graduate currently completing his MA at Rambert School, Josh inspires excellence through creativity, passion, and professionalism, empowering students to train with purpose and confidence.



Lucia Lawrence

A dedicated performer, teacher, and mentor, whose passion for dance inspires confidence, individuality, and artistry. A graduate of Addict Dance Academy (First Class BA Hons), Lucia nurtures each student's potential through engaging, professional-led training and a genuine love for the performing arts.



■ Meet the Team

Weekly Teaching Faculty

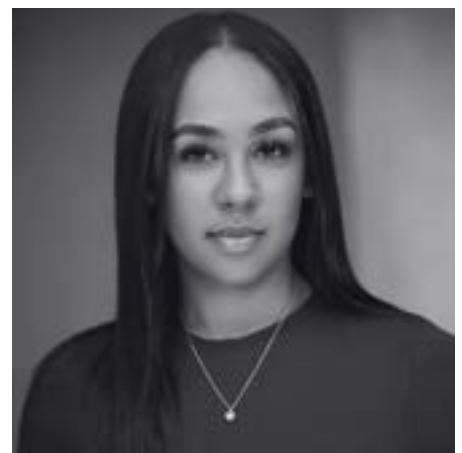
Emma Jane Pritchard

Bringing a strong academic foundation to her teaching, having recently completed her Level 6 Professional Graduate Certificate. Emma Jane creates engaging training that encourages students to broaden their skills, build confidence and develop a deeper understanding of the performing arts.



Selena Burt

Combining technical knowledge with creativity to help students develop as confident, versatile performers. With a genuine passion for nurturing the next generation, Selena encourages students to find their individuality and approach their training with purpose and grow as artists whilst supporting their wellbeing.



Meet the Team

Guest Teaching Faculty

From specialist workshops and masterclasses to choreography and industry insight, our guest faculty complement the core IAPA training and allow students to experience different teaching styles, techniques and creative approaches. Exposure to a variety of professionals is an important part of preparing students for life beyond IAPA, helping them build versatility, confidence and a broader understanding of the performing arts industry.



Meet the Team

Student Experience & Wellbeing Team

Lara Dorothy

Bringing energy, empathy, and enthusiasm, Lara supports students throughout their journey. Passionate about performing arts and student success, Lara helps make every day at Ignite inspiring and inclusive.



Amber Ferdous-White

Dedicated and detail-oriented, Amber provides essential support to both staff and students, ensuring a smooth and onboarding experience. Amber's professionalism and care create an environment of creativity and growth for all.



Meet the Team

Board Members

Wendy Crooks

Board Member / Head of Finance and Governance

Oversees financial strategy and governance, ensuring the academy operates with integrity while delivering opportunities for students.



Laura Morrison

Director / Board Member

Guides the academy's development, fostering excellence, innovation, and opportunity in performing arts education.



Clare Delargy

Director / Board Member

Ensures IAPA remains a safe, inspiring, and forward-thinking environment for students.



Kerry Robb

Director / Board Member

Provides expert guidance to shape the academy's development with excellence and innovation.



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*Confidence is born when you
embrace your potential.*

Meet the Team



Where talent is nurtured, confidence grows, and futures are shaped.

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