



Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

National Youth Theatre Auditions

We are thrilled to announce that we will be holding National Youth Theatre auditions once again at Sandringham on **Wednesday 23rd February 2022**. **Students need to follow the guidance on the attached form to register their place on the day**. There are two steps to auditioning this year. The first stage of the audition process involves a 3-hour workshop which will be delivered by an associate of the National Youth in School. Members of the Drama Faculty will be present throughout the whole workshop for safeguarding purposes. Students will then have a 10-minute face to face audition where they will perform a 2-minute monologues.

If your child is successful, they will be informed in May 2022 and obtain a place on one of the NYT Summer Courses in 2022. The courses offered range from acting to backstage exploration. The 'Backstage' course covers; Stage Management, Lighting and Video Projection, Sound Design and Composition, Costume Design, Scenic Construction & Set Design. There are also two strands of acting course, one aimed at 14-17-year olds and the Senior Course offered to students 18+. These courses offer industry experience for those who want to get more involved in the Arts or would like to develop their skills in acting or design. It should be noted that these courses will incur a further fee; bursaries can be applied for should you need financial support. As an NYT Member, they will gain special access to casting opportunities for productions, workshops and masterclasses. Membership is highly regarded in the Arts Industry and can provide a fantastic stepping-stone for those wishing to pursue a career in this sector.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, NYT have recognised the hardships that young people have been faced with and have decided to offer a year long subscription to their special online platform regardless of the final outcome of the audition. The NYT Hub will provide students with unique access to incredible experiences outside of the organisation such as free West End tickets, industry-led workshops and Q&A's.

The National Youth Theatre is a world-leading youth arts organisation, which has lead the way in inspiring, nurturing and showcasing exceptional performers over the years. There are a number of alumni who have gone onto achieve huge success within the Arts Industry, including Dame Helen Mirren, Daniel Craig, Sir Daniel Day-Lewis, Rosamund Pike, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Colin Firth, Orlando Bloom, Sir Ben Kingsley, Catherine Tate, Matt Lucas and Matt Smith.



The audition is available to students aged 14-18 at the discounted rate of £33.00.
Any individual facing financial hardship can make an application via the NYT's Bursary Scheme or fee waiver scheme for auditions.

If you would like your child to attend the audition, please complete the slip below and return to Miss Arif no later than 12th February 2022.

Yours sincerely,

J. Arif

Justine Arif
Teacher of Drama

National Youth Theatre Auditions – Wednesday 23rd February 2021

Student Name: Tutor Group:

I give permission for my child to attend National Youth Theatre Auditions on Wednesday 23th February.

I confirm that my child will be 14-18 years of age at the time of auditioning

I have paid via Parentpay

Signed(Parent/Carer) Date:

National Youth Theatre – Your School Auditions Day

We are looking forward to meeting you.

School name: Sandringham School

School Audition Day date: Wednesday 23rd February 2022

We are so glad that you are interested in auditioning with the National Youth Theatre. Please see below important information regarding the audition day at your school.

If you have a question in relation to your School Audition Day, please check in with your teacher who will be able to get in touch with us to answer your question.

This document will help you prepare for the day and find out more about what to expect.

On **page 2**, you'll find out how to register for the day and you'll find out how to prepare for the day.

On **page 3**, you'll find tips on how to explore your monologue and details of how to keep updated with National Youth Theatre opportunities.

On **page 4**, you'll find links to our social media channels to keep up to date with National Youth Theatre opportunities.

What are the auditions for?

Auditions are for our intake courses in 2022. When signing up to your Audition, you will also have one year subscription to the **National Youth Theatre Hub**. As a Hub Subscriber you will have access to online events, talks and workshops with industry professionals such as choreographers, writers, directors, actors, designers and more. Find out more about the National Youth Theatre Hub [here](#).

Successful auditionees will join us for an intake course in 2022 and train in performance, devising and ensemble theatre-making. After completing an intake course, you would then become a National Youth Theatre Member until you turn 26.

What opportunities are available for National Youth Theatre Members?

Our National Youth Theatre Members have access to a range of opportunities including, Leadership Training, Made by Members' Programmes, workshops with industry professionals, castings in our National Productions, roles on our productions and events, access to castings with external organisations and more.

Check out one of our recent summer intake courses on our YouTube channel [here](#).

How do I register for the day?

Step 1. Sign up for your National Youth Theatre profile here:

<https://www.nyt.org.uk/user/register>

Please note, if you are auditioning on the day at your school you do not need to purchase a Hub Subscription on our website. Your year-long Hub Subscription will be included as part of your audition.

Step 2: Complete your School register form here:

<https://form.jotform.com/213363192834355>

After creating a National Youth Theatre profile on our website, please complete this registration form. This means you will be on the register for the workshop and we will be able to send you your results in May 2022.

Results will be sent to the email used to create your National Youth Theatre profile.

Please complete registration for the day by **Friday 14th January 2022**

If this date has passed, please check in with your teacher.

How do I prepare for the day?

The workshop

The workshop is a three-hour workshop led by a National Youth Theatre Associate/s at your school. In this workshop you will explore an introduction to the National Youth Theatre and our approach to ensemble theatre-making. The workshop is designed to be fun, interactive and start the day ahead of your audition in the afternoon.

We recommend wearing comfortable clothes for movement and bringing a bottle of water with you.

Your audition

Your one-to-one Audition is 10 minutes and is led by a National Youth Theatre Associate.

Before the audition day, select a monologue from a published play of your choice. We recommend no longer than three minutes with an ideal monologue length of 2 minutes.

If you haven't read the full play, we recommend that you are familiar with your chosen character and the character's journey throughout the play.

Practice learning your lines for the audition speech. You could do this with another person, or in whatever way works best for you.

Where should I start with my monologue?

Here are some prompt questions that might be helpful when exploring your character.

- Who is your character and what are they trying to say?
- Why have you selected this character and their monologue?
- How has your character changed throughout the monologue?
- What does your character want?
- Who is your character speaking to, is it the audience or another character in the play?

Keep up to date with National Youth Theatre Opportunities

Check out our [National Youth Theatre YouTube channel](#) with helpful videos about voice, exploring devising and preparing for auditions.

Explore your creativity with our [Masterclasses](#) in January – March for all young people aged 11 – 25.

Keep up to date with the latest National Youth Theatre opportunities on our social media channels. Find us on [Tik Tok](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

We look forward to the Audition Day at your school in 2022.