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Dear Parent/Carer

National Youth Theatre – School Audition Day

Following a successful series of auditions over the last few years, we are excited to offer students aged 14 and above (by 31st July) the opportunity to audition for the National Youth Theatre (NYT). Founded in 1956, the National Youth Theatre has built a reputation for nurturing the early talent of actors such as Daniel Craig, Daniel Day-Lewis, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Colin Firth, Derek Jacobi, Ben Kingsley, Ian McShane, Helen Mirren, Rosamund Pike, and Kate Winslet.

Initial Audition
If your child is interested in this opportunity, they should join the Google Classroom (code: **wqdrec66**) and upload a recorded monologue of no more than two minutes by **Monday 23rd November 8am**. As we are offering this opportunity across the school and only have 12 places available, we will hold an internal selection process to decide which students go through to the audition day if demand exceeds spaces.

Going Through to the Audition Day - auditions will take place **at Edgbarrow School on Wednesday 9th December**.
If your child is selected for the audition day, the audition fee is £19.50. Signing up for the audition also unlocks a full year of access to the National Youth Theatre Hub. As a Hub Subscriber, students can take part in online events, talks and workshops led by industry professionals, plus plenty more. Find out more about the Hub here. The cost of the hub subscription is £24.40. Therefore, the total amount required prior to the audition is **£43.90**

The Audition Day The audition day will run from 9am to approximately 5pm in the Drama Studio and will be made up of two parts:

1. **Morning Group Workshop:** A three-hour session introducing NYT's ensemble-based way of working. This gives students the chance to warm up, feel comfortable in the space, and showcase how they collaborate in a group.
2. **Afternoon One-to-One Audition:** Each student will have ten minutes to perform a monologue for an NYT Associate Artist.

Successful NYT Auditionees
If successful at the audition, and after completing an intake course, students become National Youth Theatre Members until they turn 26. Members gain access to a wide range of opportunities, including performing in national productions and NYT events, working with industry professionals, taking part in creative leadership training, developing their own work in the Made by Members programmes, accessing external castings, and more. To find out more about what it's like to be a NYT Member click here.

I am delighted that we can offer this fantastic opportunity to our students once again and look forward to seeing their submissions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Miss Carr
Head of Drama & Music