

# School Auditions Teacher Handbook 2026

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**Every year, we run courses around the UK for young people who want to become members of the National Youth Theatre.**

After the course, participants become a NYT member, giving them access to exclusive opportunities including castings for NYT and professional shows, access to professional R&Ds, free creative leadership and facilitation training, complimentary tickets, and more.

From January-March each year, we run School Audition Days around the country in a search for emerging talent to become the next members of the National Youth Theatre. Approximately 50% of our Junior Course participants come from School Audition Days, which allow us to get the best out of your students and fully support them throughout the audition process.

This guide provides all the information you need to arrange an Audition Day at your school this year.

## **This guide includes:**

- About the Courses
- The Audition Day
- Pricing & Booking



If you have any questions about anything in this guide, please email [auditionsandcourses@nyt.org.uk](mailto:auditionsandcourses@nyt.org.uk).

# About the Courses 2026

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**We offer different courses depending on students' age, where they're based, and whether they want to take part in the summer, weekends, or online.**

Led by industry professionals, our courses focus on developing key theatre-making and performance skills including voice, movement, characterisation, improvisation, text work, and devising. Each course culminates in a sharing of devised work to family and friends.

**Eligibility:** in order to audition, students must be between the ages of 14-25 by 31st July 2026.

## **Junior Courses for 14-17s**

2-week courses held in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Newcastle, and Liverpool.

## **Senior Courses for 18-21s**

A 2.5 week course held in Leeds.

## **Digital Courses for 14-17s or 18-25s**

A 10-week course held on Zoom on consecutive Saturdays from September-December.



All courses are paid for, but we offer bursaries to help those facing financial hardship take part. For more information about the courses on offer, please visit [nyt.org.uk](https://nyt.org.uk).

# The Audition Day 2026

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## What happens on the day?

School Audition Days are hosted by one or two Associate Artists from the National Youth Theatre. The day is made up of two parts:

1. Group Workshop
2. One-to-One Audition



### Group Workshop

The group workshop takes place in the morning and lasts for three hours (including a break). Students will explore an introduction to the National Youth Theatre and our approach to ensemble theatre-making. The workshop is designed to be fun and interactive ahead of the one-to-one auditions in the afternoon.

### One-to-One Audition

Individual auditions take place in the afternoon and last for ten minutes each. Students will perform a short monologue for one of the Associate Artists, who may also chat to them about their interests or redirect their monologue if time allows.



For the one-to-one audition, students will need to select a short monologue from a play, film, or TV show of their choice. We recommend a monologue of around 2 minutes.

**We run School Audition Days for groups of 10-40 students. The pricing is split into two sections: facilitator costs and student Hub subscriptions.**

## **Facilitator Costs**

We send one facilitator for every 20 students, with pricing as follows:

- 10-20 students: £200 for 1 facilitator
- 20-40 students: £400 for 2 facilitators

## **Hub Subscriptions**

As part of their audition, students also get a year's subscription to the NYT Hub, where they have access to all of our online masterclasses and workshops for the year.

Hub subscriptions are priced at £24 per student, although this fee is waived for any students who are in receipt of free school meals.

## **How to book your School Audition Day**

To book a School Audition Day, please complete the [registration of interest form here](#) and a member of the team will get back to you with more information.



**We look forward to meeting you at your School Audition Day in 2026!**