



INFORMATION PACK

 THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

COME AND TAKE PART!

Thank you for your interest in our Summer Musical '**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**' at The Maltings, Ely. KD Theatre Productions have established themselves across East Anglia, providing fantastic performing arts opportunities for young people. This current year has seen over 250 young people involved in performing arts training and performances, and we are more excited than ever for the return of our Junior Summer Musical in 2022 with our production of '**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**'

In this pack you will find information on KD, the production itself, the costs involved and a sample rehearsal schedule.

WHAT IS THE SHOW ABOUT?

High School Musical is based on Disney's hit film by the same name. This is Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on your stage! Troy, Gabriella, and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends, and family while balancing their classes and extra curricular activities.

It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock Troy discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical, led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

Disney's High School Musical is fun and full of energy and its large cast size and upbeat numbers make it the ideal show for KD's next Junior Musical.

WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO AUDITION?

All children that attend our open audition days will be able to be involved in the production of 'High School Musical'. There are a limited number of spaces available for the open audition, so we encourage everyone to book their places now to avoid disappointment.

Your child must attend the open audition workshops on

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2022 and SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022

The workshop on the 20th February will be as follows:

Ages 6 - 11: 10am – 11:30am Ages 12- 18: 12pm – 2pm.

The workshop on the 27th February will just require ages 12+ and will be as follows:

Ages 12- 18: 10am- 2pm.

These workshops will introduce the young people to the show and will enable the team to allocate parts to everyone.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

KD invest heavily into their productions to allow them to be of the highest quality and to create a professional experience for young people. There will be a production fee of £22.00 a month (between March and July 2022) or for KD Academy students at £20.00 a month (between March and July 2022). This is inclusive of VAT.

Please see below a general outline of what your production fee contributes to the overall costs of the show:

'High School Musical' production t-shirt which they will wear to rehearsals and can then keep,
Professional show director, musical director and choreographer, Professional tuition required for the show, Insurance for all members (personal possessions not insured), Costumes, Weekly Rehearsal Venue Costs, Theatre Rental, Script / Lyrics copying / hire, Set & props, Sound & Lighting Hire, Professional technical crew and designers to run the show in the theatre,
Licensing Fees for the Production

Worked out on an hourly basis the hourly rate of the young people being with us is under **£3.50 per hour** for the entire production rehearsals and schedule.

WHEN ARE REHEARSALS?

Being involved in a show is all about being part of a team and it is vital that your child attends as many rehearsals as possible. However, your child may still take part even if they cannot attend every rehearsal. We do need to know in advance of any planned absence so that we can plan accordingly. As part of the application form there is space for you to let us know of any dates they cannot attend.

BURWELL HOUSE WEEKEND

We will be holding a residential rehearsal weekend on the 10th – 12th June 2022. All cast members **MUST** be able to attend this weekend. Due to limited beds not all cast members will be required to stay overnight for Burwell House. Once the production is cast, we will allocate residential and day places.

If you are lucky enough to be given a principal role it will be compulsory for you to attend this residential weekend.

This weekend will be held at **BURWELL HOUSE, SILVER STREET, CB25 0EF.**

There will be an additional charge for those that will attend this weekend which will include all accommodation, food and supervision for the entire weekend. (Estimated cost - £80.00)

PROVISIONAL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

REHEARSAL VENUE – The Ross Peers Sports Centre, Soham.

SHOW VENUE – The Maltings, Ely

Rehearsal Dates
Sunday 6 th March 2022
Sunday 13 th March 2022
Sunday 20 th March 2022
Sunday 27 th March 2022
EASTER BREAK
Sunday 24 th April 2022
Sunday 1 st May 2022
Sunday 8 th May 2022
Sunday 15 th May 2022
Sunday 29 th May 2022

Sunday 5 th June 2022
Friday 10 th – Sunday 12 th June 2022 (Burwell House Residential weekend)
Sunday 19 th June 2022
Sunday 26 th June 2022
Sunday 3 rd July 2022 (Dress Rehearsal)
Thursday 7 th July 2022 (Cast 1 Teach and
Friday 8 th July 2022 (Cast 2 Tech and Dress)
Saturday 9 th July 2022 – SHOW DAY
Sunday 10 th July 2022 – SHOW DAY

FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Monthly payments will need to be made by the 1st of each month. An invoice will be raised automatically and sent to the email address on file. The first invoice will be due by 1st March 2022 and will be sent out upon application.

If you would like to make a one-off payment instead of monthly invoices being sent, please select this option when filling out the sign up form and our team will send an invoice over to you.

Please make payments by BAC to the **KD Theatre Productions LTD Account**

Sort code: 20-60-38 Account no. 33963926 Ref: HSM (child's name)

Please note that this account is different from KD Academy.

ABOUT KD THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

KD Theatre Productions was formed in 2003 by founders Daniel Bell and Katherine Hickmott, at the time only 13 years old. Now 18 Years on, Katherine and Daniel have finished their professional training in Musical Theatre and are producing numerous shows across the UK. Operating from their home base in Cambridgeshire, KD always has a busy calendar; staging various productions throughout the year, from Full Scale Musicals to Family Shows– always performing to a packed house. Their work has taken them right across the country including the world-famous Edinburgh Fringe Festival where they produced 3 sell out musical productions.

As well as producing professional productions up and down the country, KD Theatre Productions have worked with numerous young people all across the UK in their youth productions allowing young people to take part in a production with a professional team and in a professional venue.

KD Academy was established in 2013 and has since grown into one of the leading performing arts schools for children in the area. Offering quality and affordable training for young people, KD has a passion for nurturing young talent and helping develop their skills in all arts disciplines.

Our Academies (Soham, Ely and Newhall, Essex) run every Saturday during Term Time offering a balanced timetable in all three disciplines: acting, singing and dance.

OUR TEAM

Our passionate and professional staff are headed up by Founders, Katherine Hickmott & Daniel Bell. Katherine & Daniel are both professionally trained in performing arts and share the same passion for quality training for young people. Drawing on their own experiences of teaching, Katherine & Daniel are both very hands on and can often be seen teaching or directing their pupils from week to week. Alongside running KD Academy they also are the Managing Directors of KD Theatre Productions Ltd, their professional theatre company which produces productions across the UK.

Our creative team has had a wealth of experience in the performing arts industry or with working with children. All our team members who work directly with the children are DBS checked and the children are also supervised by chaperones at the rehearsals and shows.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions or want to speak to one of the team, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below:

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