

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.



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Come and Take Part!

Thank you for your interest in our Summer Musical 'Matilda' 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 2024 with our production of 'Matilda'.

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

What is the show

Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!



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Will my child have to audition?

All children that attend our open audition days will be able to be involved in the production of 'Matilda'. There are a limited number of spaces available for the open audition, so we encourage everyone to book their places now to avoid disappointment (online application form can be found on in this pack)

Your child must attend the open audition workshops on:
SUNDAY 21st April 2024 and SUNDAY 12th May 2024

The workshop on the 21st April will be as follows:

Ages 5-9(Juniors): 10am – 11:30am

Ages 10- 18 (Seniors): 12pm – 2pm

The workshop on the 12th May will just **require ages 10+** 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.

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 and they must be minimal . As part of the application form there is space for you to let us know of any dates they cannot attend.

Our rehearsal process will be running differently this year. Please see the provisional rehearsal schedule on the next page.

Cast members must attend all rehearsals and shows they are called for.



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Rehearsal schedule

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REHEARSAL VENUE – Ross Peers Sports Centre, Soham.

SHOW VENUE – The Maltings, Ely

REHEARSAL DATES WITH APPROXIMATE TIMINGS:

Date	Juniors (5-9 Years)	Seniors (10-18 Years)
MAY HALF TERM		
Tuesday 28th May 2024	10am-12.30pm	10am-4pm
Wednesday 29th May 2024	10am-12.30pm	10am-4pm
Thursday 30th May 2024	10am-12.30pm	10am-4pm
Friday 31st May 2024	10am-12.30pm	10am-4pm
Saturday 1st June 2024	10am-12.30pm	10am-4pm
OTHER REHEARSAL DATES		
Sunday 9th June 2024	10-11.30am	10am-4pm
Sunday 16th June 2024	10-11.30am	10am-4pm
Sunday 23rd June 2024	Cast Run throughs (Times TBC)	
Sunday 30th June 2024	Dress Rehearsals (Times TBC)	

THE MALTINGS - ELY

DATE	TIMES	WHAT
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	5-9.30pm	Technical Rehearsals
Thursday 4th July 2024	5-9.30pm	Dress Rehearsals
Friday 5th July 2024	5-9.30pm	Dress Rehearsals
Saturday 6th July 2024	SHOW DAY	
Sunday 7th July 2024	SHOW DAY	



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Wrap Around Care

KD will be offering Wrap Around Care for the half term week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (not Friday Afternoon or Saturday). Each session will cost £6 each.

Date	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday 28th May 2024	8.30-10am	4-5.30pm
Wednesday 29th May 2024	8.30-10am	4-5.30pm
Thursday 30th May 2024	8.30-10am	4-5.30pm
Friday 31st May 2024	8.30-10am	

Matilda Movie Night

We are excited to offer an optional movie night on the Friday of half term from 4-6pm after the rehearsal day (31st of May) *SENIOR CAST ONLY*. There will be popcorn provided while we watch the new Matilda Musical movie!



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Why is the process running differently?

This year, we're embarking on a few changes that we're really excited about.

Having successfully run our Youth Musical Project for eight years, we've decided to adapt our approach to ensure we maintain the high standards of our productions while also prioritising a more balanced and sustainable experience for everyone involved.

In reviewing our previous format and from feedback from other families and students, we recognised that the commitment of numerous Sundays over an extended period—nearly five months—was quite demanding. We've also noticed that some of our students faced challenges attending every rehearsal due to other commitments.

Therefore, we've decided to revamp the musical project. This year, we're ploughing all our efforts during a limited amount of Sundays and the May half-term to bring the show together. This change will allow our students a more intensive and hands-on experience in the creative process, offering them a glimpse into the professional world of producing a show. It also allows our team to focus intensively on the project within a shorter timeframe, ensuring the best production and experience possible!

Regarding the 'Burwell House Weekend', which we fully appreciate has been a much loved tradition for over 15 years, we've made the decision to take a break this year. While it has been a great addition to the rehearsals, the commitment required from our incredible team, along with rising costs, led us to reassess its feasibility while aiming to provide an experience which is accessible for everyone. This break doesn't mean it won't ever come back, instead, we're determined to make this year's May half-term week exceptionally memorable.

We hope you can appreciate and understand our changes. Our overall goal remains unchanged: to provide an exciting and unforgettable experience for all those who take part!

Thank you for your amazing support and dedication to the Summer Musical Youth project. We can't wait to get this year's musical 'Matilda Jr' started and create another remarkable production which everyone can enjoy together!



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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 £110 for KD Academy students and £130 for non KD Academy Students. This can also be payable across 3 months, from May–July – KD Academy students: £36.33 and non KD Academy students: £43.33. (This is inclusive of VAT) Please see below a general outline of what your production fee contributes to the overall costs of the show:

‘Matilda’ 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

Fee payment

Monthly payments will need to be made by the 1st of each month. This will be done via direct debit. If your child is a KDA student, this will be on your GoCarless account. If your child is not a NON KDA student, please click [HERE](#) to set you up a GoCarless account.

Monthly payments will be charged on the 1st of May, 1st of June, and 1st of July and One-Off Payments will be charged on the 1st of May.

Drop off and collection

A parent or guardian must drop off and collect your child from each rehearsal and show if they are under 16 years old as this is a licensing requirement. On the form you will be able to list the names of the adults able to collect your child.

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About KD

KD Theatre Productions was formed in 2003 by founders Daniel Bell and Katherine Hickmott. Now more than 20 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 weekly during Term Time offering a balanced timetable in all three disciplines: acting, singing and dance.



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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. 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:

General Enquiries

info@kdacademy.co.uk | www.kdacademy.co.uk | 01353725 026

What to do next?

Fill in our sign up form linked [HERE](#) or on our website: www.kdacademy.co.uk/upcoming



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Terms & Conditions

By accepting these terms and conditions you give permission for KD Academy and their sister company KD Theatre Productions Ltd the permission to contact you on the email address and contact numbers you provide. Should KD need to contact you via post, you give permission for them to do so through the home address provided.

SIGN UP FORM

The sign up form must be completed for every child who enrolls in KD's Junior Show. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify KD Academy immediately of any changes.

ATTENDANCE

There is a minimum number of students required to ensure that the Junior Show and wrap around care will take place. Please note that if the Junior Show or wrap around care sessions do not take place or required numbers are not met, KD Academy will issue you a full refund and you will be notified. Due to the nature of group activities within the Junior Show, it is appreciated if parents can notify KD of any absence of students. Please ensure that you notify KD in writing (email) if your child is no longer attending KD Junior Show. No spectators are allowed in the teaching rooms unless invited by the class tutor.

FEES

If you are not a current KD Academy student, please sign up to our Direct Debit System, GoCardless, that is linked in this pack.

Monthly payments will be charged on the 1st of May, 1st of June, and 1st of July and One-Off Payments will be charged on the 1st of May. Any cancellations of involvement are non refundable and you will not receive a refund.

Once you have signed up to our Direct Debit, no further action from yourself is required. A few days prior to the Direct Debit being collected you should receive an email from GoCardless informing you of how much is due to be collected, when it is due to be collected and from which bank account. Please ensure you have enough funds in your selected bank account for the Direct Debit to be taken on the collection date, if not this will result in a 5% admin charge.

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TEACHING

All of our teachers at KD Academy are working professionals and all hold a valid DBS certificate and/or a chaperone licence. Please be aware that in order to teach your child effectively, it is sometimes necessary to demonstrate using physical contact to clarify verbal instruction.

DISCOUNTS FOR KD STUDENTS

KD Academy students obtain discounts on our Junior Show.

BEHAVIOUR

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a polite, kind and sensible manner during their classes. The performing arts requires a lot of self-discipline and awareness of others around them. Any student that continually fails to reach the required standard of behaviour can affect the progress, learning and enjoyment of other students and the student will be asked to leave KD Academy's Junior Show. Students who damage equipment or property through misuse or recklessness will be held liable for any cost of repair or replacement.

PERSONAL DATA

Data protection laws ensure that personal information is handled appropriately and securely by KD Academy. When you opt into any communication from KD Academy, we will treat your information with respect. KD Academy teachers will have access to Student's names, Parent/guardian's names, emergency contact details and student's DOB. KD Academy will add all enrolled students to their student database, mailing list and invoice system.

PARENT CONDUCT

KD Academy will not tolerate any aggressive behaviour or language towards any member of Team KD. Please ensure you treat all staff with respect through face to face contact, email and telephone calls. We are here to help and make everyone's experience of KD as pleasant as possible.

LATE COLLECTION

Please ensure you collect your child promptly at the end of their class. Please note we cannot leave your child unattended and a member of staff is required to supervise them. If you are more than 15mins late for collection a £5.00 charge will be made for every 15mins of staff supervision.

If you wish to discuss any other the terms and conditions stated above, please get in contact with Mollie at Team KD