

# THE OLD VIC

## **From Mon 23 – Fri 27 July 2018, The Old Vic will be hosting its third week-long Summer School**

Summer School is a free, skills-based programme for 20 young people aged 16 – 25. The programme establishes a fun and safe space for young people who are often underrepresented in the arts to come together, learn what it's like to work together as a theatrical company and develop key transferable skills as they are supported to be the best they can be.

### **The Programme**

Participants will be selected through an open call audition process, as well as via referrals from our bank of outreach organisations. Auditions will be held in either The Old Vic Workrooms in Bermondsey or the Rehearsal Room at The Old Vic between **Mon 2 – Sat 7 July**.

Once selected, participants will be invited to a welcome gathering at The Old Vic to meet the rest of the group and watch *A Monster Calls*. They will then attend a week-long series of workshops, working with a professional director to explore a mixture of theatrical practices and disciplines with specialist practitioners. Throughout the week, young people will also learn from Old Vic staff about the variety of options open to them in a career in theatre. The week will culminate in an informal sharing of their learning for friends and family.

Once the project has finished, participants will be invited to attend a careers session at The Old Vic, which will provide them with a supported environment to reflect on the skills they have learnt, receive careers advice from industry professionals, and gain information and resources about other opportunities at The Old Vic, as well as in arts organisations and youth groups across London.

### **Who is it for?**

Summer School is for people aged 16 – 25 from London who want to develop their creative skills as well as their confidence, and who are interested in finding out about a career in theatre. The programme is *not* open to anyone who has received formal degree level or equivalent training in an arts related subject. We are keen to reach out to young people from low income and BAMER backgrounds, and committed to identifying and resolving any barriers which may ordinarily result in their exclusion.

### **How to take part**

There will be six open auditions either at The Old Vic or at The Old Vic Workrooms in Bermondsey. Dates, times and practical details can be found at: [www.oldvictheatre.com/join-in/for-young-people/summer-school-2](http://www.oldvictheatre.com/join-in/for-young-people/summer-school-2). Auditions will be in the form of a group workshop, led by at least two professional facilitators. They will be approximately two hours long (including time to fill in application and consent forms).

Auditions are devised to be enjoyable, stimulating and useful for all those who attend, regardless of whether or not they are selected for the programme. Everyone who attends will be provided with information on other arts opportunities throughout London of a similar nature.

### **How much does it cost?**

Summer School is completely free. We also have a small access budget to support young people taking part. Please contact us directly if you would like to discuss a young person's needs.

### **What next?**

Please help us promote the programme in your school or organisation, by displaying the enclosed flyers and handing them out to young people you think may be interested in participating. We can also send you an e-flyer. You can also help by telling your students/young people about the programme in person, or in school assemblies, or by following us and retweeting relevant tweets on our Twitter account (@oldvictheatre #OVSummerSchool).

If you would like to know more about the project, or make referrals, please contact Naomi Lawson, Young Person's Programme Manager at [Naomi.Lawson@oldvictheatre.com](mailto:Naomi.Lawson@oldvictheatre.com), or on 020 7960 4102.