

THE ALEXANDRA

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STAGE EXPERIENCE - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much does it cost to audition? Auditions are completely free of charge. If you are selected to take part in Stage Experience there will be a fee of £275.

Does everyone who applies get an audition? Yes, if you register for an audition by returning the registration form along with 1 photograph by Friday 11 April 2025 you are eligible to audition on Sunday 4 May 2025. Please note that due to the number of applications we receive you will not get a confirmation of audition.

Do I need to prepare anything for my audition? No, you do not need to prepare anything, everything will be taught to you on the day. For the recalls you will be informed if you need to prepare anything.

What do I need to wear for my audition? Please make sure you wear loose, comfortable clothing that you can dance in and trainers or dance shoes which must be worn at all times on the stage. Please also ensure that you bring something to drink and eat with you.

What time will I finish at the audition? We have estimated that the morning session for Surnames A-J will finish at 1.00pm, and the afternoon session for Surnames K-Z to finish at 5.00pm. Please note that these times are an approximation and will depend on how many auditionees attend. We would recommend ensuring that all auditionees bring a mobile phone (*which must be silenced during the audition*) with you so you are able to contact someone to collect you after your audition. No one will be asked to leave the venue if they are waiting to be collected. A chaperone will also be in the venue as well as theatre staff. Family are welcome to wait in our bar areas throughout, or leave and return nearer the finish time.

How will we audition? At the beginning of your session you will do a physical and vocal warm up. You will then sing through the lines of the chosen song with the Musical Director and be taught a short dance routine. Groups of 10 will go up and perform the dance together. Groups are split by age – those who have not yet finished compulsory schooling (born after 1st September 2009) and those who have finished compulsory schooling (born before 31st August 2009). On the day these groups will be called Juniors and Seniors.

What happens after my audition? We will write to you to say whether you have been successful or not.

What happens at the recalls? During the course of the day we will gradually work through identifying who will be cast as the named principal characters in the show. This will be done through acting and singing a variety of different musical numbers from the show. If you are asked to leave at any point during the recalls this does not necessarily mean you haven't been cast in the show, but may mean we have already decided on your role and no further auditioning is necessary.