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I am really pleased that your child has decided to try Growtheatre's Youth Theatre. In this document, you should find all the information you need to prepare and organise your child before joining us. If you have any questions, please do give me a call (number above).

Youth Theatre Dates, 2025 - 2026

- Juniors (School Years 3, 4 & 5) 5.00 – 6.00 PM (both days)
- Intermediates (School Years 6, 7 & 8) 6.05 - 7.35 PM (both days)
- Seniors (School Years 9 – 11) 7.40 – 9:10 PM (Thursday only. Both Tuesday and Thursday Intermediates wishing to continue to Thursday Seniors will be guaranteed a place and a transition day will take place in the Summer to support the move.)

Tuesday Growtheatre Groups 2025-2026

Autumn (12 weeks) 16, 23, 30 September, 07, 14, 21 October 04, 11, 18, 25 November, 02, 09 December

Spring (11 weeks) 06, 13, 20, 27 January, 03, 10, 24 February, 03, 10, 17, 24 March

Summer (12 weeks) 14, 21, 28 April, 05, 12, 19 May, 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 June, 07 July

Thursday Growtheatre Groups 2025-2026

Autumn (12 weeks) 18, 25 September, 02, 09, 16, 23 October 06, 13, 20, 27 November, 04, 11 December

Spring (11 weeks) 08, 15, 22, 29 January, 05, 12, 26 February, 05, 12, 19, 26 March

Summer (12 weeks) 16, 23, 30 April, 07, 14, 21 May, 05, 11, 18, 25 June, 02, 09 July

The Group & the Staff: The Youth Theatre is drawn from across Sheffield and North



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Derbyshire. Rachel and Thea are the Youth Theatre leaders. We also have regular volunteers supporting us. All staff and volunteers are DBS checked. Rachel is a First Aider. All sites are risk-assessed and we have Public Liability Insurance.

Finding us at the Woodland Discovery Centre: The Youth Theatre is based in the outdoor spaces of the Woodland Discovery Centre, Ecclesall Woods, Abbey Lane, Sheffield S7 2QZ and the surrounding woods. If you are following SATNAV systems to find us, when you reach Abbey Lane ignore the SATNAV as it will take you to the houses nearby which share our postcode.

Termly costs: Juniors Group costs: £7.00 per week and the Intermediates and Seniors cost: £9.00 per week and there is a 25% discount for younger siblings. However, we ask that you pay at the beginning of the term, following the receipt of an invoice.

It really matters to us that Youth Theatre is as open access as possible. As a result, we will be offering some supported places, please do talk to Rachel if you would like to know more.

Happiness of your child: We will work hard to make sure your child enjoys and gets the most out of our sessions. They will not be forced to participate in any activities they feel unsure about, although they will be encouraged to challenge themselves and will be supported by our leaders.

Behaviour: It is important to us that all members of the group are happy and feel safe while they are with us. We work with our members to come up with agreed group rules and expected behaviour. For the sake of the group, we will not accept any behavior that might be detrimental, for example: refusing to listen, being rude or offensive to leaders or other children, being physically threatening or willfully placing themselves or others in danger. If this sort of behaviour persists, for the sake of the other children, we may ask you to remove your child from the group.

What we will be doing: Throughout the year, the children will be learning drama skills,



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practical making skills and ranger-type skills, which will all lead to an outdoor performance.

What to bring to the sessions: Please ensure your child is prepared to work outdoors and in the dark. They should bring a torch or camping lantern and wear warm, waterproof clothes and sturdy shoes or boots. In the summer, we would really recommend that everyone wears long sleeves and long trousers – it really helps limit unnecessary scratches, cuts and bites. Also in the Summer, we would recommend your child wears an anti-insect bite product as there can be midges in the woods.

Illness and absence: It is really helpful to know in advance if your child cannot make a Youth Theatre session; if possible, please text Rachel.

Social Media and Growtheatre Blog: If you're on social media, take a look at our page and see photos of our sessions; you should find us under 'Growtheatre' on Facebook and Instagram. You can also check out our blog posts on our website: www.growtheatre.org.uk

Children's University: We are a learning destination for Children's University, it is good to know if your child has a CU passport in advance so we can include them on our registers so they can receive their credits.

Thank you very much for reading this information.

Best wishes,

Rachel Newman,
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