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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: *BYMT Discover Musical Theatre – Careers & Audition Day*

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for students of St. Martin's School. On the Friday of the February Half Term we will be visited by representatives of British Youth Music Theatre, the leading national music theatre company that develops young singers, actors, dancers and musicians, as well as emerging artists and stage technicians. They produce many original theatre productions with young people every summer. Their prestigious alumni include Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith and Charlotte Ritchie.

The organisation will be with us delivering a Careers & Audition Day on Friday 21 February from 9.30am until 6.00pm at St Martin's, sharing their passion for theatre and outlining the range of careers in professional theatre and, by extension, in film, advertising and TV. A West End director, musical director and choreographer will also join us for the day, all of whom have significant credits in the professional industry. Pupils will be immersed into the world of theatre, learn about the many aspects of production and get hands on experience of performance (singing, acting, dancing), as well as technical aspects (lighting, sound, etc.).

The day includes a full audition for BYMT productions. Successful pupils will offered a place approximately two weeks after the audition, and in July/August could be starring in one of BYMT's full-scale musical theatre shows that take place in prestigious theatres all over the country. Further details of the productions will be confirmed in May, as well as information about summer camps and technical training courses.

I would like to emphasise that this day is not purely for those wishing to be on the stage – BYMT also require a large number of musicians to play in the band for their productions every year. To be a pit musician for a musical theatre production is an invaluable experience, and one that is valued very highly on a musician's CV.

If your child would like to take part in the careers & audition day please visit <https://britishyouthmusictheatre.org/StMartins> to book a place. The cost for the day will be £22.50, which can be paid directly to BYMT via their website. All students from years 7-13 will be welcome to take part. You will need your child's headshot to complete the booking form, along with contact details, relevant experience and any special requirements. This price is half of what BYMT normally charge as an audition fee, and coupled with the costs of travel to London where they usually hold auditions, this discounted rate is a significant saving.

Please see attached to this letter a schedule for the day. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail mharris@st-martins.essex.sch.uk, or visit the BYMT website to find out more about the organisation.

Yours sincerely

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