



WOW Youth Musical Theatre

Summary of Expectations for Members

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EXPECTATIONS FOR WOW MEMBERS

If you are offered a place at WOW, you will need to know what will be expected of you and how WOW runs. Here are some of the key points.

1. COMMITMENT: You will be issued with a detailed schedule well in advance and will be expected to attend all full company rehearsals as well as other rehearsals to which you are specifically called.

If you cannot commit yourself to our rehearsal evenings due to other activities (apart from school exams and special one-off events) then WOW is not for you at this time.

2. REHEARSALS: Rehearsal evenings are Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays from **6.30pm - 9.00pm**. You will begin by learning the music on up to two nights. When our professional director starts floor rehearsals, these may take place on all three nights.

These rehearsals are not all full company but it is most important that you attend the ones to which you are called. It is always difficult for other cast members if you are not there and you may not be included in the scene or routine if you are not present when it is set.

During show week, you may not finish at the theatre until 10pm or later. If you feel this will be too much for you, it may be better not to audition.

Dorset Council issues licences to allow children in Year 11 or under to perform during the week of the show. One of the conditions is that the members **do not miss schooling** due to the production.

3. ATTENDANCE: If your attendance is irregular you may be asked to forfeit your place. Please remember that when you are successful at audition, others will have missed out and it would be unfair to take a place away from someone who would be willing to give full commitment.

4. APOLOGIES: If you are sick or have an exam and cannot attend for any reason, you must inform WOW before the rehearsal.

When members sign up for a casting audition they are asked to declare dates when they will be unavailable such as holidays and dance festivals. so that these can be taken into account.

5. REHEARSAL WEAR: Once we start floor rehearsals, you will be expected to wear appropriate clothing and shoes for dancing.

6. REHEARSAL DISCIPLINE: WOW is hard work! You will learn a lot in one evening and are, therefore, expected to remain focused at all times and not chat. There is usually a break, though, when you can socialise in our 'green room.'

7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual membership fee is currently **£130**. This is reviewed yearly and is due in May. It may be paid in one or two instalments.

8. COSTUMES ETC.

Members are required to pay a production fee which is currently **£35 per show**. You will also be expected to supply some items yourself, including shoes.

9. PARENTAL SUPPORT

WOW cannot function without the support of parents and volunteers. In addition to a chaperone rota for rehearsals, we ask parents to apply for a chaperone licence from Dorset Council to legally supervise backstage at our theatre performances. We also welcome help behind the scenes in areas such as costumes, make-up, stage crew and the running of WOW.

Our Fundraising group are also always looking out for new members to help raise money to support WOW and maintain our rehearsal studio in Park Street.