

Youth Theatre Fees

We have had to make the difficult decision to raise the Youth Theatre fees. This is due to a combination of rising costs and a reduction in the funding available from trusts and foundations at the current time. All Youth Theatre places are heavily subsidised and even with this increase Youth Theatre fees only cover 28% of the cost of running the sessions and our small and dedicated team fundraises to raise the remaining 72%

From the Autumn term:

- The full rate will increase from £70 to £80 (£66.67+VAT)

The concessionary rate will increase from £35 to £40 (£33.33+VAT)

As always, we understand that these are challenging times, so the concessionary rate is available for families experiencing financial difficulty. No proof is required to select this option. If cost is a concern, we're always happy to have a confidential conversation and will do our best to be flexible based on individual circumstances. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Ways you can make a difference

Make a secure one-off donation on our website,
or set up a regular gift, at

halfmoon.org.uk/support-us

A standing order helps unlock children's creativity and
ensures all young people can access the arts.



Thank you to our Youth Theatre funders

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Next Steps Transition Programme



Over the summer we are working with young people currently in year 6 who will be moving up to secondary school in September. Next Steps supports young people to prepare for their transition to secondary school and think about the situations they might face and positive ways to deal with new experiences. Age 11-12 is a time where change and transitioning can impact a young person's life in a multitude of ways. Next Steps aims to address these challenges head-on and give young people a safe space to explore their worries through drama.

We are running a free week long summer school over three different weeks in August. Please do share this with anyone who may benefit.

FREE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

To register, scan the QR code or email
nextsteps@halfmoon.org.uk

Monday 4—Friday 8 August

Monday 11—Friday 15 August

Monday 18—Friday 22 August



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Autumn Term

We really hope to see your young person again next term!

Eclipse and Equinox:

- If your young person is currently in year 4 or 5 they can stay in their current group.
- If they are in year 6, they will be invited to move up to Lunar, which takes place on Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm.

Lunar:

- If your young person is currently in year 7 or 8, they can stay in Lunar.
- If they are in year 9, they will be invited to move up to Orbit, which takes place on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm

Orbit:

- If your young person is currently in year 10-12, they can stay in Orbit.
- If they are in year 13, we will be in touch with other opportunities at Half Moon.

To confirm their current place, their place in the older group, or to let us know they unfortunately won't be able to return, please do speak to a member of Half Moon staff, email drama@halfmoon.org.uk or give us a call on 020 7709 8900.

Autumn Term Dates

	First Session	Half Term	Final Session
Solar	Mon 22 September	27 October	Mon 1 December
Eclipse & Lunar	Tues 23 September	28 October	Tues 2 December
Equinox & Orbit	Wed 24 September	29 October	Wed 3 December
Comets, Sunbeams and Moonbeams	Sat 27 September	1 November	Sat 6 December

Celebrating Achievement

Each term we hold our **Youth Forum**, where members are voted by their peers to

represent their views. Thanks to all the members who gave their opinions! This term our reps were: **Jack** (Solar),

Christina & Sunny-Rae (Eclipse), **Zainab** (Equinox), **Katy & Eddie** (Lunar), **Elizabeth & Fareeda** (Orbit).

One of our trustees also attends the meeting.

We also celebrate the positive contributions of two people from each Youth Theatre, as voted for by members of each group. This term we are celebrating:

Eclipse **Khayyam** for throwing himself into every activity, working well with everyone, his creative ideas.

Cecilia for always being engaged, focused and raring to go and for contributing brilliant creative ideas.

Equinox **Noor** for being an exceptionally creative force. For being funny, exuberant and full of encouragement to others

Sabreen for being a really fun person, growing in confidence and learning lots of new skills. You have been a good friend to others.

Lunar **Emmeline** (Jack Petchey Achievement Award) for always being able to rely on her, being caring, creative and a very strong performer!

Laylah for sharing creative ideas, supporting others and being a brilliant performer with great comic timing, we are very impressed with her, especially as it's her first term.

Orbit **Asiyah** (Jack Petchey Achievement Award) It is hard to believe that Asiyah is a relatively new member of Orbit. She fits in so well. Her calm and poise shine through in her performances

Nehan for being full of ideas but always ready to listen to others, and for being consistent and enthusiastic throughout.

Solar **Ifaz's** creativity, poetry, and enthusiasm in Solar are just a few of the reasons why this award is so deserved. His confidence and acting skills have grown exponentially, and he always makes Solar smile with his great sense of humor and kindness. He is friendly, funny, and considerate of everyone here. Ifaz's writing and spoken word is also so inspiringly beautiful, and they are an asset to the Solar Ensemble.