



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHINE

WHAT'S UP

2024 END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

What we've been UP to . . .

Wow - we've only been back for one term and already SO much has happened!

Our term kicked off with a Family Quiz Night, paired with pizza and prizes! The fourth wall was broken in Shirley Advanced's run of...you guessed it, *The Fourth Wall*, and our Fareham Home Ed group flew us back to Neverland in their production of *Peter Pan the Pantomime*!

Half-term Halloween workshops gave us a taste of something spooky, and we welcomed lots of new members to our groups at the Shirley Schools.

We were so proud of all our Company members in their auditions for *Five Children and It*, and the show is now well on its way to being one of our best productions yet!

The Shirley Ensemble performed their incredible devised show *The Wall*, funded by the #BeeWell Project, and exploring young people's mental health. The Hamble Ensemble have started rehearsing *After Juliet*, which will be performed at the 2025 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The Warsash Advanced group are also about to hold auditions for their 2025 production of *The Trials*.

Coming up before the holidays we have a Family Carolling event, and last week Christmas fun in all our groups!

Take a look at all the details below, and we hope you all have a very merry Christmas! We'll see you again in 2025!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Rory, Bella, Emily, Evie, Seren, Olivia, Edie, Orla, Emma, Molly, Isla, Isobel, Lareina, Evelyn, Jacob, Henry, Alex

SPRING TERM 2025

Term 1: WB 6th Jan - 10th Feb
Term 2: WB 24th Feb - 31st Mar

SUMMER TERM 2025

Term 1: WB 22nd Apr - 19th May
Term 2: WB 2nd Jun - 14th Jul





AWARDS NIGHT 2024!



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our 10th Anniversary Awards Night, and after counting all of the donations from our stalls we are delighted to announce that the event raised just over £1000!

Thank you to all of our members who created their stall ideas, and a huge thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us in making this event happen. And thank you to YOU for joining in, buying your raffle tickets and donating to Light UP.

Your generous donations will help us continue to support our students and will be going towards the programme of events that we advertised at Awards Night. With over 5 productions already announced for next year, your support makes a real difference, and we are deeply grateful. This was our most successful fundraiser to date and events like these are crucial to Light UP being able to deliver its promise to support young people to shine, in the most supportive and innovative youth theatre in the country.

Thank you for helping us make a lasting impact!



LIGHT UP IN FOCUS

NATALIE'S WORK EXPERIENCE



I am Natalie, I am from Hamble and I am 15 years old. I am a student for Hamble Ensemble, formally Hamble Company and I partake in SYP.

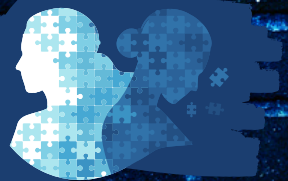
During my work experience at Light UP, I looked forward to meeting people I met during former Light UP projects (e.g. *Peter Pan* and *Matilda Jr*). I was also excited to be in a director-like position and use my knowledge of drama from school. I wanted to gain the experience of being a director because show writing and directing is a job that I would like to have in the future. Another thing I wanted to gain out of work experience is working with people, as another job I would like to do in the future is to be a therapist, and working with children may be an aspect of being a therapist.



SHIRLEY ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

THE WALL

AN ORIGINAL ONE ACT PLAY



THE REVIEWS ARE IN:

“ INSPIRATIONAL. SHOWS THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE TO TURN TO AND YOU'RE NOT ALONE “

“ OVERALL THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST PRODUCTIONS I HAVE EVER GONE TO SEE - WHETHER ON STAGE OR IN CINEMA, AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL ”

“ THE PERFORMANCE WAS INCREDIBLY POWERFUL AND MOVING “

UP

COMING EVENTS



To get UP to something with

Light UP



visit:

www.lightupdrama.org.uk/whatson

MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY
HOSTS
LUP CAROLING PARTY

When: 14/12
From: 3 - 5PM
Where: Maskers, Shirley
Who: LUP Members, Family & Friends
What: Carols, games, craft & hot chocolate

You're invited!

We teach _____
LAMDA
— Exams & Qualifications

LAMDA Exams
2025

**More info on how to sign up
coming out soon!**

RECRUITING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

UNEXPECTED PLACES

Join our
Youth
Advisory
Board

GO TO UNEXPECTED PLACES WITH US

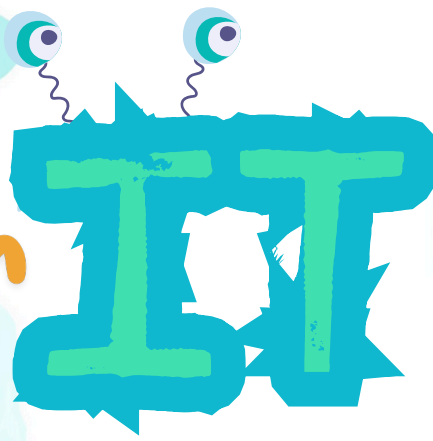
- Get a backstage pass to the inner workings of Unexpected Places, Light UP and the various charitable work that we do, being able to contribute to the future of the organisation.
- Represent our youth voice, becoming an advocate for current and future Light UP members, ensuring that the young people you represent always remain centre stage of all we do as an organisation.
- Identify and champion ways to help grow the Light UP community to become a more accessible, diverse, innovative organisation for young people.
- Work on future programming and projects that will engage, excite, educate and inspire as we continue going to unexpected places together as an organisation.
- Influence Unexpected Places policies and programmes
- Volunteer and Input on projects and events that interest you
- Organise and run fundraising events to help meet funding goals and objectives for set projects and performances

Email:

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Five Children and



Youth Theatre Company Cast

Cyril - Dan
Anthea - Ellie
Robert - William
Jane - Libby
Lamb - Harriet S
Granny - Matilda C

Mother (Clara) - Sophia B
Crankston - Marlowe
Dora - Tess
Dewey - Dulcie
Young Clara - Evie

Musical Theatre

IT #1 - Amanda
Charles P. Horton - Amy R
Sally Brown - Bethany
Maria Blair - Evie
Dahlia - Humisha
Iris O'Darling - Lilah
Sir Ernest Von Schwitzlefumf - Nicolina
Violet - Primrose
Marigold - Rosa
Miss Helena - Sophie
Velma - Tess

Shirley

IT #2 - Willow
Edie/Lady Edith - Poppy
Johnny/Lord Johnathan - Carys
Gertie/Lady Gertrude - Channah
Florrie/Lady Florence - Harriet F
John Jr/Lord John II - Leo
Nigel Sedgwick - Dani
Anna - Evie
Hettie - Bethany
Rufus - Bekah

Chandlers Ford

IT #3 - Thalia
Marmalade Alice - Amy R
Doodle - Annabelle
Eggs - Bella
Mr Kettlehead - Betty
Despicable Hobgoblin - Lilah
Patty - Lottie
Lucky - Owen
Bug - Rory
Lady - Sofia
Silver - Yasmin

Hamble

IT #4 - Charlie
Chalamala Bing Bong - Aarika
Monster Granny - Amy
Socks - Aubrey
The Shadow - Dulcie
Gerry - Lilah
Dusty - Olivia
Snacks - Seren
Tarantella - Skye
Crazy Eyes - Summer

Dottie - Livia
Ida - Maia
Winnie - Angeline
Mary - Sofia B
Bernice - Bonnie
Gladys - Maria
Nuts - Hanna
Bolts - Esme
Doodads - Bekah

Warsash

IT #5 - Austin
Chief Inspector Sutherland - Jessie
PC Boyle - Phoebe
PC Wiggins - Tilly
PC Sneed - Jacob
Detective Castle - Ellen
Detective Wolfe - Matilda
Frank Flemming - Henry
Ruth Flemming - Emily
Herbert Flemming - Owen

9th FEBRUARY 2025

The Tempest

by

William Shakespeare



Easter Youth Project 2025

• We are such stuff as dreams are made on •

Join Light UP for our first ever Easter Youth Project, and take part in the classic Shakespeare comedy - 'The Tempest'! Learn new skills, make new friends and have a ton of fun putting on a show with our professional team of directors and creatives. We welcome members and non-members aged 11-18 of all skill levels. This production will embrace the dramatic with the ridiculous, with a 1970s twist.



When & Where



Audition Workshop	23 / 02
Cast Meet-Up Workshop	02 / 03
Project Week	07/04 - 11/04
Performance Day	11 / 04

Project Week:
Maskers Theatre,
Emsworth Road,
Shirley, Southampton,
SO15 3LX

Project Cost

EARLY BIRD (LUP and Non-Member deadline 05 / 01)	£175
LUP Member	£200
Non-Member	£225

Sibling discounts available



Assistant Director
role available!

Details available
in registration

What's Included

- Audition Workshop
- Cast Meet-Up Workshop
- Project week 9am - 5pm daily rehearsals
- 2 performances
- Cast t-shirt
- Digital headshot
- Script

LIGHT UP MEMBER SHIRTS

FRONT



BACK



Light UP members who have paid their £30 Family Membership Fee are entitled to one **FREE** t-shirt after which time they have the option to 'SWAP' with other members at company wide events and performances or to purchase a **new shirt for £15**.

BE LOUD & PROUD, ORDER YOUR LUP SHIRT TODAY:



LUP MERCH



HOODIE

£25

WATER BOTTLE



£12



TOTE

£10

Orders placed will be added to our next bulk order and an update will be sent to confirm when you can expect to receive your items. once you have paid for your items on receipt of invoice.

PRE-ORDER YOURS TODAY





10 years, 10 miles

Sponsored Walk

March 2025

UNEXPECTED
PLACES



Together, We Can Make a Difference

DON'T FORGET

Spring Term 1 fees
 Due: 29/12/24

Spring Term 2 fees
 Due: 14/2/25

£10 late fee added to invoices after 1 week grace period

Awards Night
 November 2025
 Save the date

If your child has out grown their Light UP t-shirt and it is in good condition, you can return it to Light UP. If a t-shirt in your child's size has been returned, you can get that t-shirt swapped for your old one.

BECOME
 A
 SPONSOR

Want to get more involved in Unexpected Places/Light UP?

Become a Light UP parent representative or volunteer for an upcoming project or event.

Email the team at info@lightupdrama.org.uk for more info!

Class Manager Parent Portal

Did you know that from your Parent Portal you can:

- Update Contact Details
- View Upcoming Classes
- View/Pay Invoices
- Book new classes/events

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/light-up/login>

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ALL ACCESS MEMBERSHIP

MONTHLY TUITION

£95 to be paid each month of the year as a direct debit.
 25% off a sibling monthly membership

INCLUDES

- All Light UP weekly classes
- All holiday workshops
- Summer Youth Projects
- Light UP Membership Perks
- 3 private 1:1's a year

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Theatre trips
- LAMDA exam fees
- Additional show fees



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 2023/24 RATES

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