



**THE BEYOND  
THE STAGE  
CAREERS FAIR**

Dear Headteacher

**RE: TheatreCraft- Offstage Theatre Careers Fair**

We would like your student to be given the opportunity to attend this year's annual TheatreCraft Careers Fair. The fair takes place **on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am-4.00pm at the Royal Opera House** Bow St, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9DD. TheatreCraft is run by Society of London Theatre, Masterclass, Royal Opera House and Mousetrap Theatre Projects to provide opportunities and advice to young people interested in offstage roles in theatre.

TheatreCraft is designed for young people aged 16-30, to provide information about pathways and offstage careers in theatre including, but not limited to, sound design, lighting design, costume, make up and wigs, theatre management, producing, playwriting, directing, marketing and stage management.

At the event your student will have free access to a programme of over **50 workshops, talks and tours led by top industry professionals** covering a wide range of roles and career skills. They will also be able to explore our **Marketplace** and talk to leading UK theatres, companies and education providers. They will have access to one-to-one careers advice and be able to make connections with other young people starting their careers.

Offstage roles in theatre are currently experiencing a shortage of workers and there are many roles that, due to their 'behind the scenes' nature, don't appear accessible to students interested in both **STEM** and **Arts** subjects. TheatreCraft aims to inform young people about these roles and pathways in, including through **universities, apprenticeships and jobs**.

As your student has shown an interest in exploring an offstage role in theatre we hope you will grant them an **authorised absence** to attend this event. You can find more information about TheatreCraft from our website [www.theatrecraft.org](http://www.theatrecraft.org) and if you have any specific questions you can contact Siobhan Walsh at [info@theatrecraft.org](mailto:info@theatrecraft.org).

Yours faithfully,