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#SEELIVETHEATRE!

For Student Audiences

We look forward to welcoming you to Curve!
Coming to your local theatre, seeing professional productions or taking part in workshops and activities can be an amazing experience, and we're here to help you get the most out of your visit.

Each show or activity at Curve is unique, and to ensure you and your fellow audience members have the best possible time, we've got a few tips to make your theatre experience amazing.

Tips

#1 Make the most of your time at Curve. Arrive early, ask the Ushers or your teacher questions about Curve or the show you're coming to see and familiarise yourself with things like where the bathrooms are, and the fire exits.

#2 Listen to the announcements that come over the speakers. These will tell you how long until the show starts, or any other important information about what's happening in the building.

#3 When you hear the announcement about the show starting soon, this is a great time to visit the bathroom if you haven't already; you don't want to miss anything exciting once the show has started.

#4 Please remember to turn off you phone, or put it on silent/do not disturb. If you get to a really tense or exciting moment, or really into what you are watching, the last thing you want is to be distracted by a phone light, or sound.

#5 If you forgot Tip #3 or do need to leave the auditorium during the performance, there will usually be an interval about halfway through the show. If it can't wait or is an emergency, please do head to the nearest door where an Usher can assist you, or call for your teacher.

#6 Snacks and drinks are allowed in the theatre, you can even enjoy an ice cream at the interval. When eating or drinking in your seat, please be careful not to rustle any wrappers loudly, spill anything, or go for a big handful of crisps in a really quiet moment of the show.

#7 Coming to the theatre and watching a show is a shared experience. You share it with your friends, the actors, the staff and all of the other audience members. How you conduct yourself will have a direct impact on those around you, so please do be respectful and mindful of others, so you all have a great experience.

#8 Enjoy the show! Laugh, cry, clap, whoop with your fellow audience members, and if you really loved it, get on your feet at the end to clap for the actors as they bow to the audiences. You might not see them, but the musicians, stage crew and everyone working on the show can hear you clap - and they appreciate it too!

#9 Talk about your visit. We hope you have a great time here, and we'd love you to tell others about your trip to Curve. Take a selfie in the foyer (no photos in the theatre please) or post a story about how you found the show. Theatre is all about stories, and we want you to think about and share those stories in your classroom and with friends.
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For Teachers/Group Leaders

Calling all educators in schools, sixth forms and colleges, who are working with our future theatre goers and makers. We hope the following tips will prepare you and your students for your visit. Whether your students are English, Drama, Performing Arts, PSHE or History etc. all students need to be prepared for a trip to the theatre. Everyone is welcome at Curve, and we are looking forward to giving you an amazing experience of live theatre.

Tips

#1 Check you've received your ticket allocation grid from Curve Ticket Office. This will help you see where your seats are and where to seat your students and any staff. Consider who needs to be seated near or next to a member of staff, where gentle reminders can be given.

#2 Meet with your students ahead of your visit and talk about your expectations while at the theatre, as they represent your school. Use our #SEELIVETHEATRE! handout with tips for audiences. Remind students to be respectful of all Curve staff and other audience members.

#3 Check your students know what to expect from the show they are going to see. Provide them with some information about the playwright, director, actors, the context of the production or a discussion about the interpretation or adaptation they will be experiencing. We can provide you with useful links for this if needed.

#4 Alongside #3 we will often have learning resources available to download for free online, which contain lots of extra information about the show, interviews with creatives and activities to enhance learning - visit https://www.curveonline.co.uk/get-involved/schools/ to see the most recent resources.

#5 Is the show that you are going to see age appropriate for your students and are there any issues or themes they need to be aware of? Theatres are a safe place for everyone to see challenging work, and Curve will provide you with any trigger or show warnings in advance to discuss with your students.

#6 Talk about coming to the theatre with your students. Use the #SEELIVETHEATRE! handout to ask questions about how they think the visit will be, what they are hoping to experience, and talk about what to expect when visiting a public building with other members of the public and audiences.

#7 Be clear with your students about listening to information and instructions from your staff and members of the theatre staff. We are here to make your visit to the theatre an exciting, informative, and inspirational visit - and we need your help as educators to do that. Students should not be left on their own to explore the building. If you would like a tour of our spaces, this may be possible to book in advance.

#8 There will be all different people attending the same performance as your students from all walks of life. Please ensure that your students understand the importance of theatre as a shared experience and how their actions can have a positive effect on those around them, enhancing the shared experience of live theatre.

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