BUILDING CHARACTER

Alternative provision programme for primary & secondary school pupils

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THE GARAGE NORWICH

THE GARAGE TRUST LIMITED

The Garage Trust's vision is to transform people's lives through the arts.

OVERVIEW

The Building Character programme uses a creative and performing arts-based approach to alternative provision.

Using the performing arts as a delivery tool, Building Character focuses on core behaviours and skills for positive growth like self-confidence, emotional literacy, resilience, communication and improving relationships.

By combining trauma-informed practice, creative processes, and a professional arts environment, the programme works over an initial 10-week period to transition participants back into their host school full time. We use the AP Quality Toolkit (developed by a coalition of policy makers and educational specialists) as a framework for this programme, ensuring consistency of quality and delivery across all activities.

The Garage Trust has more than 20 years experience of delivering training and education in the creative and performing arts, transforming the life chances and skills of thousands of local children and young people.

www.integrated.org.uk/2022/03/31/the-ap-quality-toolkit-2022/

WHO IS BUILDING CHARACTER FOR?

The Department for Education identifies four areas of need for students entering alternative provision:

- Pupils who need an alternative curriculum or learning environment, more tailored support and/or attention from school staff
- Pupils in AP due to one-off incidents e.g. for violence in school or for arriving in the area mid-year
- Vulnerable pupils e.g. those who have mental health difficulties
- Disengaged pupils e.g. those who have very low attendance rates at school

Children who are not able to thrive in mainstream education need alternative provision to help them realise their aspirations, build their skills and improve their life chances.

Building Character is able to support each of the above for pupils in Primary and Secondary education with an underlying passion for creative and performing arts activity, with a sustainable return to mainstream education for them being the goal.

DELIVERY MODEL

Each session will be structured in the same way, to help develop familiarity. Repeated creative games and activities enable our tutors to establish trust and develop relationships with young people, so they gain the confidence to progress. We only take a maximum of eight students per session. Basic literacy and numeracy skills are embedded in all sessions.

For Primary Schools (The Garage, Norwich)**:**

Accredited Course provision: **Arts Award** (Trinity)

Non-Accredited Course provision: **Engagement Through Creativity**

Thursdays in term-time only, **9.15am – 2.30pm**

For Primary Schools (The Workshop, Kings Lynn)**:**

provisions same as above

Fridays in term-time only, **9.15am - 2.30pm**

For Secondary Schools (The Garage, Norwich)**:**

Accredited Course provision: **BTEC Introductory/ Level 1 courses in Performing Arts or Technical Production** (Pearson/Edexcel)

Non-Accredited Course provision: **Engagement Through Creativity**

Tuesdays in term-time only, **9.15am – 2.30pm**

External validation: Trinity, Pearson/Edexcel

Bespoke 1-to-1 options are available - please discuss with us.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Lesson 1 -
Team Building

9.15-10

BREAK

Lesson 2 -
Confidence:
Drama Games &
Creative Movement

10.15-11

BREAK

Lesson 3 -
Personal Development

11.15-12

LUNCH

Lesson 4 -
Skill Development

12.45-1.30

BREAK

Lesson 5 -
Creative Wellbeing

1.45-2.30

REWARDS POLICY

To maximise levels of attendance, attitude and achievement, we operate a rewards policy. This will see participants offered various rewards at set milestones on their journey.

3
SESSIONS

7
SESSIONS

10
SESSIONS

Sessions attended:

3: Branded Garage or Workshop T-shirt.

7: 2 tickets to any age-appropriate performance in The Garage theatre.
Branded tote bag for The Workshop.

10: £10 Amazon voucher (for The Garage participants). 2 Majestic Cinema tickets (for The Workshop participants).
All participants that complete the course will get a certificate.

PROGRESSION

Foundations and Big Breaks programmes

Drama, creative movement or music sessions for young people facing challenges. It runs in two age groups: 7-11 years and 12-18 years. The sessions use a variety of games and activities in a fun and friendly environment, gradually building to a place where the young people can explore creating some material. The focus of the sessions is to help build confidence, increase self-esteem and raise aspirations. The foundations programme aims to give young people both the personal and practical skills to then progress onto our Big Breaks scheme, which entitles them to a year's free place on our class programme.

GCSE qualifications in Drama & Dance

As well as helping pupils pass their GCSE, we give them a taste of vocational life in the performing arts. Working in a rigorous, professional environment, they will be taught by highly-skilled tutors, and get additional performance and workshop opportunities in our dynamic venue. And if they want to go further, we'll support them on their next steps in their training and careers as performers.

SAFEGUARDING

The Garage Trust is a member of Safer Norfolk Programmes. We have one Designated Safeguarding Lead and two deputies. We use My Concern software to register, track and analyse any safeguarding concerns and issues. Safeguarding leads meet monthly. Safeguarding training is completed by all staff every two years, and First Aid training every three years. All staff are DBS checked.

VENUE

Norwich:
The Garage,
14 Chapel Field North,
Norwich NR2 1NY

King's Lynn:
The Workshop,
38 New Conduit Street,
Vancouver Quarter,
King's Lynn PE30 1DL

These are vibrant performing arts centres running drama, dance and music classes for all ages and abilities. Participants have inspiring places to learn, relevant facilities and are surrounded by positive role models working in all areas of the performing arts industry.

REFERRAL PROCESS

- Open to students aged between 7 and 18 (up to age 25 for individuals with an EHCP)
- Students in Years 3 – 13 have to be referred by their host school

Following the initial referral, our staff will work with the host school, parents/carers, service provider and the student to assess if Building Character is the best way to address their needs. Once agreed, further documentation will be completed relating to individual assessment and agreeing to abide by policies relating to attendance and behaviour.

Two reviews will be jointly completed during the Building Character programme:

- Mid-term progress update
- End of term progress evaluation

COST

Starting at **£123** per day per student

Additional charges for lunch, transport, Qualification Registration and SENCO support if required

To make a referral:

Go online at www.thegarage.org.uk/education/schools/

FURTHER INFORMATION

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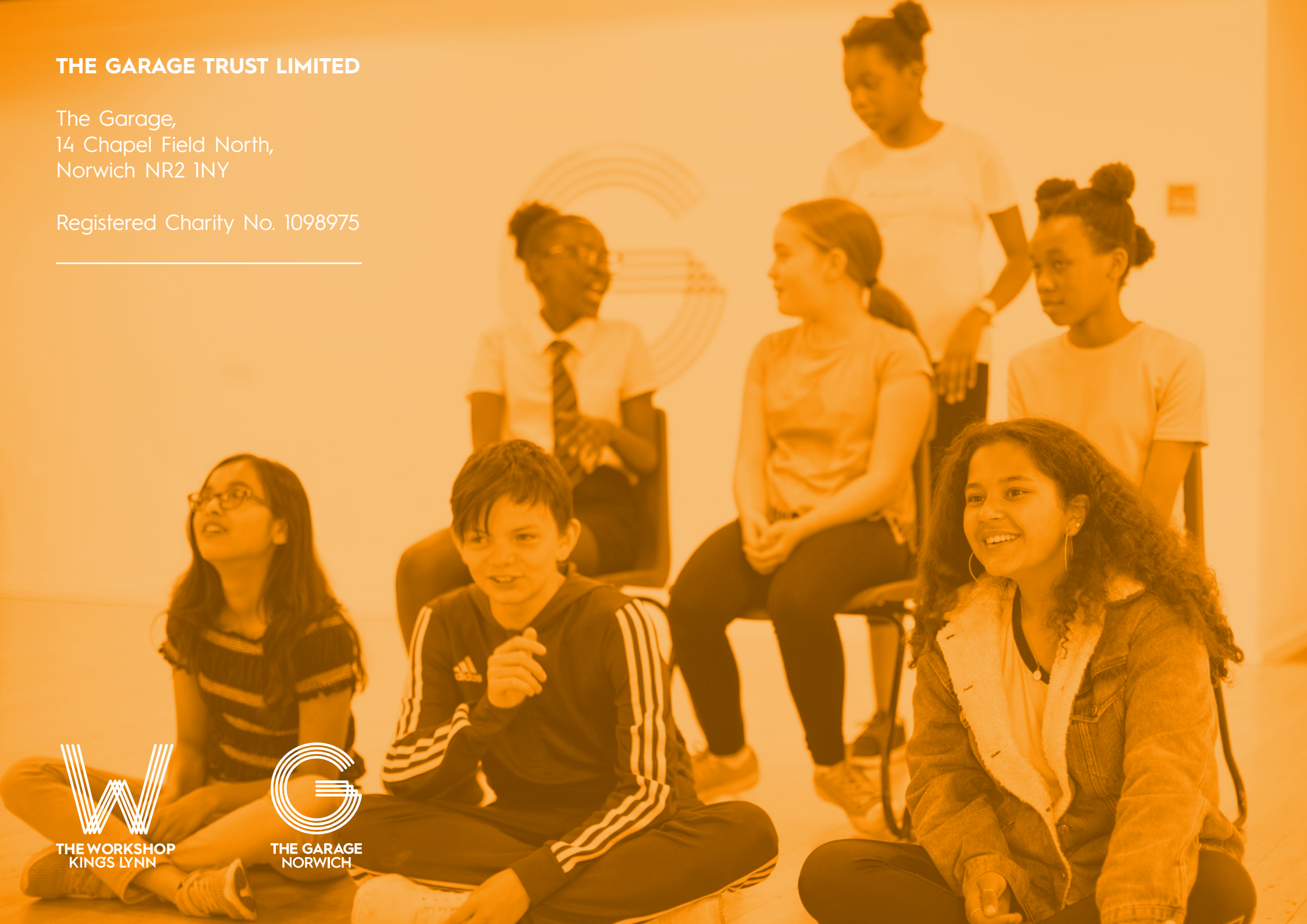

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