



RELAXED PERFORMANCE INFORMATION PACK

Dear _____,

Welcome to the relaxed performance of Heathers at The Other Palace.

This pack has been put together to help you prepare for your visit

A relaxed performance is a special version of a show, which allows for a more relaxed environment. The Other Palace is an inclusive venue and wants to ensure that everyone can enjoy the performances on offer.

Typically, in a relaxed performance the following happens:

- The house lights do not go down all the way
- Strobe lighting and pyrotechnics are avoided
- The music and sound are quieter with no sudden loud noises.

Perhaps most importantly it is fine if you or your group talks, shouts out, makes noises or fidgets; it's absolutely fine!

This pack will include:

- Characters in the show
- Where you can go to the toilet
- Pictures of places in the theatre which you might need
- The story

We have a quiet zone in our bar if you need to take a break.

If you have any questions or want to enquire about special requirements, please call this numbers:
0207 592 0302 and a member of box office will help you.

Enjoy the show!



Beth Fox-Williams
Theatre Manager

About The Other Palace

The Other Palace is a rather modern venue with 2 performance spaces.

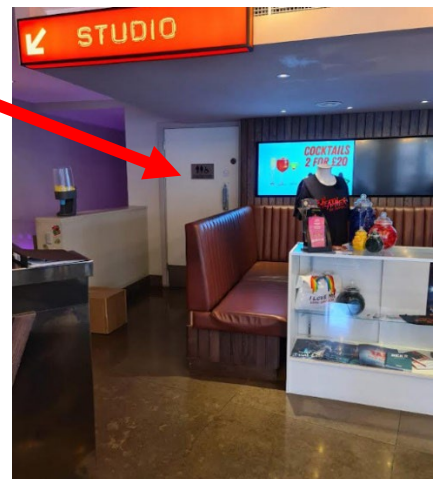
The main entrance brings you straight into our Foyer, where you will be helped by a member of our team.

What will happen when you arrive:

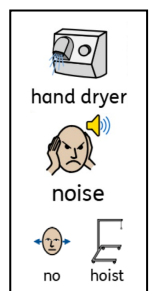
1. We will say hello and welcome you to the venue
2. A bag search where we will check to see if you have any glass or anything sharp with you. However, nothing will be taken from you unless it is glass or alcoholic. We will also not take medicines.
3. You will be shown the merchandise and if you want to, you can buy something to take home with you.

Guide dogs are welcome in all areas but make sure you book an aisle seat

Toilet Facilities

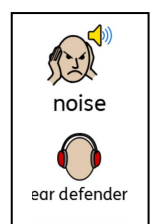


- Our toilets have hand dryers, which might be distressing for some spectators.
- Our toilets currently do NOT have adult changing tables or an assistive hoist.



Loop System

- We have a loop system at the theatre. Receivers are FREE to use throughout the performance. However we ask for a £5 deposit which will be returned at the end.
- Our receivers work with both headphones or with hearing aids switched to the T position. Please ask and we will happily help with this.



What's at The Other Palace?



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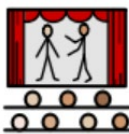
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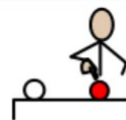
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Theatre



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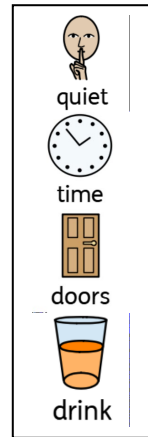


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The Performance

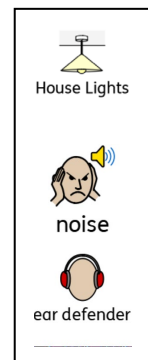
Before the Show

- We will talk quietly to tell you things
- We will tell how long it will be until the show starts
- The doors to the theatre will open sooner to give you more time to move around, explore and settle into the space.
- If you have a drink you can take it with you, in a plastic cup.



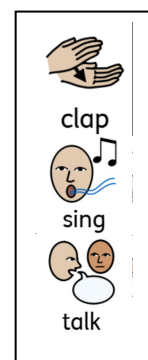
Inside the auditorium

- The lights will be on, so that you can find your seat easily.
- PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON THE STAIRS as they are quite steep.
- The lights will dim a little, when the performance is about to start.
- It can be noisy, so if you are sensitive to sound please come prepared.

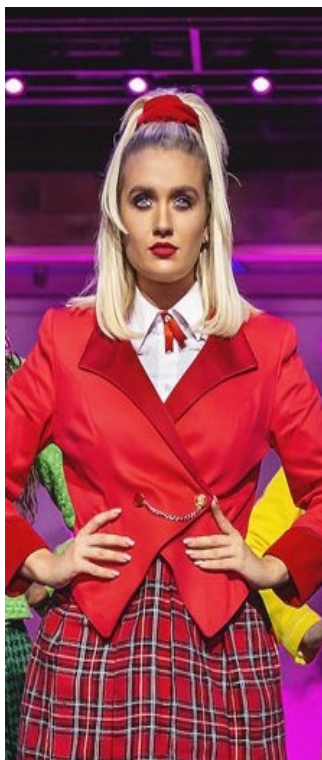


During the Show

- You are welcome to leave and re-enter the auditorium at any time.
- You can have a break and can use anywhere outside of the theatre.
- You can clap, sing, talk at any point.



Characters



Veronica



Red Heather



Green Heather



Yellow Heather



Jason



Ms Fleming



Martha



Kurt



Ram

The Story

Trigger warnings:

- **Contains strong language**
- **Contains violence, sexual references and sensitive subject matter**

It's 1989, and Westerberg High is not always a nice place to be if you are not popular. This is a world where students who may be a little bit different are bullied by the popular kids: The Heathers. Heather Chandler – Red Heather, is in charge, and the other Heathers complete the group. As Veronica Sawyer finds life hard, it is a shock to everyone when her talent for forgery ends up giving her a place in the popular group.

When Heather Chandler finds out Veronica's best friend Martha 'Dumptruck' Dunstock is in love with jock Ram Sweeney, she makes Veronica forge Martha a love letter from him. She promises this will make Veronica popular. Veronica's feels bad for betraying Martha and this feeling only gets worse when the new kid Jason 'J.D.' Dean criticises her for it. J.D. and Veronica grow closer and Veronica finds her feelings for him getting stronger.

Still, Veronica returns to the Heathers. At Ram's homecoming party, she gets drunk and high but comes to her senses when the Heathers are mean and play a prank Martha. Veronica gives up her space in the gang, drunkenly being sick on Heather Chandler and going to J.D.'s house to sleep with him. The following morning, Veronica wakes up at J.D.'s upset by her actions the night before, and she and J.D. head to Chandler's with hangover cures as an apology. J.D. adds drain cleaner to his mug as a joke but says nothing when he notices the mugs are accidentally switched. Chandler drinks the poison and dies, and to stop Veronica panicking J.D. convinces her to forge a suicide note.

As the school year continues, J.D. practices his skill of staging deaths-by-suicide and in doing so, the number of popular kids at Westerberg high gets smaller. J.D. is believes his actions are for the greater good whilst Veronica becomes more and more worried by his disturbing behaviour, offering him an decision to make: give up his violence and stay with her, or lose her forever. J.D. promises to stop killing and the couple make up, but their happiness doesn't last long.

J.D. turns up to school with a gun to try to convince Veronica to kill Heather Duke – Green Heather. The glass shatters and Veronica finally sees J.D. for how unhinged he truly is. She leaves him, and a grief-stricken J.D. breaks into her house later that night to try and win her back. Terrified by his behaviour, Veronica locks herself in the closet

and fakes her suicide. She then races to stop J.D. as soon as he leaves for the school where he has planned an attack on the students. In the struggle J.D. is shot and Veronica is unable to stop the bomb he has planted. She attempts to take it to the football field, but J.D. stops her and convinces her to let him take it instead. It explodes in the field, and J.D. is the only one to die.

At the end of the show, Veronica goes back to school and takes the red scrunchie from Heather Duke, marking the end of Westerberg's popular group. She invites Martha, Heather Duke – Green Heather and Heather McNamara – Yellow Heather, to a movie night at hers, wanting them simply to be normal teenagers before their childhood is over.