**NOTES FOR SCHOOL OF ROCK MUSICIANS**

By musicians we are referring to those auditioning for the roles of Dewey and the 4 Band Members (Keyboard/Lawrence, Guitar/Zack, Bass Guitar/Katie and Drums/Freddy).

1. All musicians must be able to sing solo, act well and play their instrument live on stage at a level they believe to be at Grade 5 or above. You must also be able to improvise on your instrument.
Your standard of playing could be evidenced by a graded exam just taken, or based on a graded exam you are working towards, or a teacher’s recent assessment of your playing, or on some other basis.
2. All those cast as Dewey or a band member will need access to a teacher of their instrument, as we may need to ask for their support during our show preparations.

Ideally auditionees will be receiving lessons in their instrument currently, or be able to reconnect with a previous teacher, but if you do not have anyone, we will try and help you find a teacher / mentor for the rehearsal period for the show. We want to give equal opportunity to those who are self-taught or who have not taken graded music exams, but who have reached the required standard of playing.

**Preliminary Audition Video (for Dewey and band member roles only) - Deadline: Tues Dec 19th**

Submit a video of yourself playing the ‘Teacher’s Pet’ audition piece on your instrument. You need not sing at this stage but do act / play with attitude! Introduce yourself at the beginning and say what grade you believe you are playing at currently, and on what basis you think you are at that level. Please read the technical guidance about how to make your video below. Submit by **Tues 19th December** latest.

**Guidance for how to make your audition video**

1. Record the Video on a phone or iPad, but adjust your camera settings so that you are videoing in 720p HD at 30 fps resolution not 1080p – usually Settings>Camera>Formats: Record Video>720p HD
2. Record with your phone or iPad sideways / landscape not portrait.
3. Make sure we can see all or most of you in the shot, even when moving around a little.
4. Use the Teacher’s Pet backing track (see note below) as your accompaniment and play along with it. NB: Because the backing track features all instruments, make sure you do not have it too loud or we will not be able to hear your playing above the backing track. Do a test before you do a full recording.
5. Introduce the video with your name, the role you are auditioning for and the grade you are playing at and why you think that you are at that standard. Please also state whether you are currently having lessons or have an instrument teacher who is willing to support you.

**REMEMBER TO SEND US YOUR VIDEO BY TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 5PM LATEST!!!**Send your video to yespateam@gmail.com – by free version of WeTransfer if it is a large file size.

December 28th – Preliminary Video Audition Result
Those going for role of Dewey or a Band Member role who pass this preliminary video round, will be contacted and invited to continue to audition for their chosen role. Unfortunately, some may be unsuccessful and will be invited to audition for other roles or a role in the ensemble instead. If this happens, please resubmit your Audition Registration form choosing a different role to audition for.

**AUDIO TRACKS:** A WeTransfer link to Backing tracks in Mp3 format will be sent to you in the same email as the Password for your Audition materials. The Click track is for learning and practising the piece and the Soundtrack is what you need to play quietly in the background of your video recording, whilst you perform along to it.

**INSTRUMENTS:**Guitarists - During the rehearsals we will expect you to bring your own instrument and Amp and jack lead. During the shows, we will hire and provide “stage quality” Amp and jack lead. Drums and Keyboard players – an instrument and stage quality Amp and jack lead may be hired for rehearsals and shows.