

69th Gang Show - rehearsals & applications

While the official rehearsal schedule is yet to be fixed, rehearsals are scheduled on Tuesdays from the start of September, switching to Sundays for Senior Gang in October. Key dates in the schedule will be as follows:

- Sun 2nd July Preview Day for Senior/Junior Gangs at Crabtree Fields
- Tue 5th September Rehearsals start for Senior/Junior Gangs at Crabtree Fields
- Tue 12th September Rehearsals start for Mini Gang at Crabtree Fields
- Sun 8th October Senior Gang switches (in the main) to Sunday afternoons
- Sun 22nd & Tue 24th Oct No rehearsal due to half-term
- Sun 26th November Christmas Carnival Performance (Senior Gang only)
- Sun 24th Dec & 31st Dec No rehearsals (Christmas & New Year's Eves)
- **Tuesday 2nd January Compulsory rehearsal in Public Halls**
- **Thursday 4th January Compulsory rehearsal in Public Halls (not Mini Gang)**
- **Saturday 6th January Technical Rehearsal (pm & evening)**
- **Sunday 7th January Dress Rehearsal (pm)**
- **Tue 9th – Sat 13th Jan Performances 7:15-9:45pm, + Saturday Matinee**

All the above dates will be confirmed in the official schedule to be issued once the cast has been selected. There may be some Sundays where some Junior Gang members are required and some Tuesdays where Senior Gang is required.

All applications are dealt with on-line to ensure we have all the right (legible) information at our fingertips. Go to www.harpenden.gs, click on **Application – be in the cast**. As a typo could mean we are unable to contact you, please very carefully fill in the compulsory boxes (and as many of the other boxes as possible too) and hit 'send' before 12 noon on Sunday, 30th April 2017. **No late applications will be considered**, unless numbers are below the maximum (which hasn't happened since 2005!)

We will accommodate as many people as possible, but nobody's place is guaranteed. We don't audition, but deal with applications in the fairest way possible. The admissions criteria are explained on the next page. *(NB – if 2018 is a big exam year for you, please consider your application very carefully, due to the commitment required to be in Gang Show).*

There are certain compulsory dates (see above, **marked in bold**). If you can't do these dates, then we're afraid you can't be in the Gang!

Every effort **must** be made to attend **all** rehearsals. You can miss a maximum of 2 (or 3 if 2 are due to Scouting activities). These absences **cannot be consecutive**, and you must inform us as far in advance as possible. (For example, family birthday celebrations should not come as a surprise, as they happen annually, quite often on the same date!) Any more absences and your place in the Show may be forfeited. (Of course, any extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration).

Behaviour at rehearsals **must** be acceptable to the Creative Team **at all times**. Offenders will be given a first warning and parents will be contacted. There will be a second (final) warning if deemed necessary, but on a third transgression the offender will be required to leave.

If, at any stage, you feel that Gang Show is not for you, then please talk to a member of the Creative Team. We can either sort out any problem, or allow you to relinquish your place to an eager person on the waiting list.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA for Gang Show 2018

- Equal priority is given to past performers and last show's waiting list before 'first-timers'.
- It is quite possible that some, including those who were performers in, or on the waiting list for, previous shows will not get in the 2018 Gang. You must apply, however, if you wish to be (a) placed on the waiting list for this Show and (b) considered as a priority for the next Show.
- You must be an invested, paid-up, regularly attending, active and well-behaved member of an ESU / Troop / Pack in the District and recommended to the Creative Team by your ESL / SL / CSL as being all of those things.

Senior Gang (52 total – 26 boys and 26 girls)

- In school years 10 to 13 as of September 2017
 - We start by taking the year 13s. If > 26 boys / 26 girls, we draw lots to select who are in; if < 26, we add in year 12s.
 - If total > 26, we draw lots from the year 12s; if < 26, we add in year 11s.
 - If total > 26, we draw lots from the year 11s; if < 26, we add in year 10s.
 - If total > 26, we draw lots from the year 10s; if < 26, we add in those for whom this is their first application, once again starting with year 13s and working down.
 - If still below 26, then we add the oldest of the Junior Gang.
- All those not selected will be on the waiting list in the same age group order as above. If anyone drops out or has to be removed from the Gang for any reason, then a name or names will be drawn from a hat as a substitute.

Junior Gang (64 total)

- In school years 7 to 9 as of September 2017
 - We start by taking the year 9s. If > 64, we draw lots to select who are in; if < 64, we add in year 8s.
 - If total > 64, we draw lots from the year 8s; if < 64, we add in year 7s.
 - If total > 64, we draw lots from the year 7s; if < 64, we add in those for whom this is their first application, once again starting with the year 9s and working down.
 - If still below 64, then we add the oldest of the Mini Gang.
- All those not selected will be on the waiting list in the same age group order as above. If anyone drops out or has to be removed from the Gang for any reason, then a name or names will be drawn from a hat as a substitute.

Mini Gang (36 total)

- In school years 5 and 6 as of September 2017
 - We start by taking the year 6s. If > 36, we draw lots to select who gets in; if < 36, we add in year 5s.
 - If the total > 36, we draw lots from the year 5s until we reach 36.
- All those who are not selected will get placed on the waiting list. If anyone drops out or has to be removed from the Gang for any reason, then a name or names will be drawn from a hat as a substitute.

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