

## Kingsley Players Youth Theatre stages premiere of National Theatre play 'Model Behaviour'

(Thursday 30 March – Saturday 1 April 2023)

Kingsley Players Youth Theatre has been selected to take part in the National Theatre youth Connections drama festival for the second year running.

The talented group will give three performances of a new play '*Model Behaviour*' by Jon Brittain, Thursday 30 March – Saturday 1 April, at Kingsley Community Centre, as part of a nationwide celebration of theatre involving more than 250 youth companies and 8,000 young people.

The new play takes us into the classroom of politics teacher Mr Smallwood, who has the inspired idea of his pupils spending a day role-playing being a delegate at the United Nations.

Bright, over-confident student Ronni is delighted. Everyone else isn't and they quickly exhibit their contempt for the project. The experiment explodes into a thermo-nuclear car crash of a day, with personal (playground) politics played out against a backdrop of the world stage.

Youth Theatre Director Jake Powell said: "Following on from the success of our involvement with National Theatre Connections last year, we are thrilled to be taking part this year, performing a brand new play written specifically for young people.

"As well as performing at Kingsley Community Centre, we also have the opportunity to stage our play at a professional theatre, the Crewe Lyceum, on Monday 24th April, as part of their Connections Festival. We are very grateful for support from our sponsors Kingsley Parish Council, Kingsley Carpets and Forresters factory farm shop, who have helped to make the project possible."

'Model Behaviour' by Jon Brittain will be premiered by Kingsley Players Youth Theatre at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Thursday 30 March to Saturday 1 April 2023, at 8pm. Running time is one hour. Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee, tuck shop and licensed bar.

Tickets cost £5 for adults and students. These can be booked online at <a href="https://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk">www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk</a> or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.