

About Middle Child

We are a Hull-based company creating theatre that brings people together for a good night out with big ideas. We tell untold stories which capture the electrifying moment when the beat drops, mixing original live music with bold new writing. Our events are live and loud, making sense of the modern world.

About Bond 31

Middle Child are based in a former warehouse, called Bond 31, on High Street. It is in the heart of Hull's Old Town, close to cafes, bars, shops and the indoor Trinity Market.

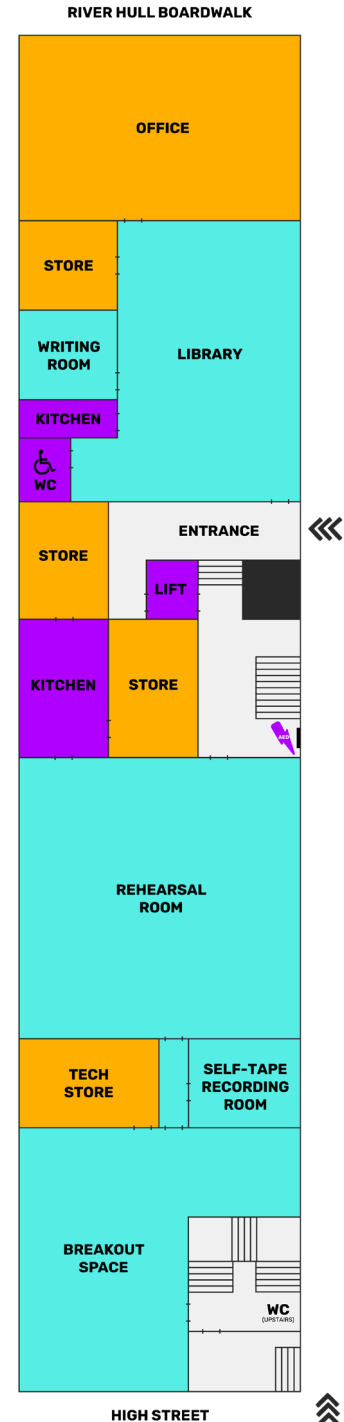
The space is accessed from High Street and also overlooks the River Hull, next to the Scale Lane bridge. Our neighbours in the building include Freedom Festival, Studio McGuire and State of the Arts Academy.

Facilities

- Rehearsal room, with kitchen and breakout space
- Writing room
- Self-tape recording room
- Theatre Library

Opening hours

All Middle Child facilities are available during our staffed office hours, which are usually Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm.



Rehearsal room

Our rehearsal room is located in the upper-ground floor, at the High Street end of Bond 31.

- Dimensions are 10.35m x 7.45m x 2.45m, with two pillars in the middle of the room
- There is an adjoining kitchen, available for use with an honesty pot
- A small number of seats and fold-out tables are available
- There is a large breakout space next to the rehearsal room, with a separate entrance up five steps
- The breakout space includes a separate self-tape recording room, which can also be used for video meetings
- Two separate toilets are on the first floor, accessed through the breakout space, with an accessible toilet in the library on the lower-ground floor
- There is a lift and staircase to access all floors in the building
- The room's capacity is 50 people. The number of people in the space must be detailed to us beforehand when requesting a booking. If there are any changes to this, please let us know.
- Please ensure you keep the room clean and tidy

We can only offer use of the room during our office hours, when Middle Child staff are available to open-up and lock the building.



Other rooms

Library

Open to the public during our office hours, our library features over 2,000 scripts and theory books, all free to borrow, with seating, a table and free wifi. No booking required.

Writing room

This room, next to our library, includes a table, chairs and sofa bed. You can request a booking for this room during our office hours.

Self-tape recording room

This room, also available to book during office hours, features sound-dampening, lighting and video recording equipment for performers to use to record self-tapes.

General information

Accessibility

If you have any access requirements, please let us know when booking.

Our main entrance, accessible by a portable ramp, is halfway down the alley off High Street, on the left-hand side.

A map, produced by Hull Museums and [available on our website](#), shows a level route around the cobbles of the High Street, using paved surfaces and dropped kerbs.

First aid

A first aid kit is on the wall of the rehearsal room, with names of the building's first aiders stated next to it. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is also available in the stairwell.

Fire safety

The fire assembly point is located down the side of the Lion and Key pub, at 48 High Street.

Car parking

Available in the High Street car park, which has an uneven gravel surface, or the new Fruit Market multi-storey car park, a three-minute walk away, on Blackfriargate.

Security

The building is secure and locked overnight, so feel free to leave your kit here, if you have the room booked. However, we can't offer insurance for your belongings.

How to book

To request a booking of any of our rooms, please contact production and general manager, Danielle Harris (danielle@middlechildtheatre.co.uk).

Please include as many of the below details as possible and give at least one week's notice - we may not be able to accommodate if this notice is not given.

- Your name
- Your email address
- Your telephone number
- Which room you would like to use and when (preferred time and dates)
- Details of your project/what you wish to use the room for
- How many people will use the room
- If any children or vulnerable adults will be present and, if so, will there also be DBS-checked adults?
- Any access requirements

And specific to rehearsal room bookings:

- Any special requests, eg equipment you would like to borrow if available
- Any equipment you would like to bring with you
- Confirmation that you can provide a risk assessment

Rehearsal room fee

Our writing and self-tape recording rooms are free to use, but our rehearsal room is offered on a pay-what-you-can basis. Doing so helps us to maintain the quality and sustainability of our facilities as their use grows.

This model allows us to cover essential costs, such as utilities, maintenance and staffing, ensuring that the space remains in great condition for everyone's use. At the same time, we want to make sure that access to our rehearsal room is as inclusive as possible. If cost is a barrier to you, please get in touch with Danielle.

We hope that offering space in this way will keep our rehearsal room accessible to a wide range of artists and groups, regardless of their financial situation. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Recommended donation per week: £100 (£25 per day x four days)

How much Bond 31 costs Middle Child

Middle Child pay a total rent of £25,560pa and will pay an estimated £12,000 in electricity alone in the financial year 2023/24 (or £32 per day). This will rise with inflation for at least the next three years. The internet and phone bill for Middle Child is a further £98 per month.

Cancellation

If you would like to cancel your booking for any reason, please give as much notice as possible by emailing Danielle. This is so we can release the space for other users.

Storage of personal details

Personal details provided when making a booking, such as your name and email address, will be deleted after six months.

Tell the world

We appreciate any publicity you can give us while using our space. Feel free to share photos on social media and tag us, using @middlechildhull on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook.

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