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**This casting notice has been sent to your school or college because of its inclusive ethos and support for LGBTQIA+ students**

## **"HEARTSTOPPER"** **CASTING SEARCH**

Shooting near London from Spring 2021

The Daniel Edwards CDG Team is proud to be casting the Heartstopper TV series based on writer & illustrator Alice Oseman's iconic graphic novels & web comics of the same name. Directed by Euros Lyn and produced by Zorana Piggott.

Heartstopper is an uplifting & life-affirming LGBTQIA+ look at life for the current generation of young teens. An ensemble cast of characters, made up of gay, lesbian, bi, and trans kids with their straight friends, will be firmly in the spotlight at last.

Playing ages 14 – 16 (**You MUST be 16+ to apply**)

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, JUST A PASSION FOR ACTING AND A CONFIDENT PERSONALITY.

**Needless to say we would like to ensure performers from LGBTQIA+ community feel inspired to apply along with allies to our community**



We are starting with 5 lead regular characters

**Charlie Spring** (age 14, nearly 15) Openly gay over-thinker (open to any ethnic heritage)

**Darcy** (age 15) Tara's wildly chaotic girlfriend (open to any ethnic heritage)

**Elle** (age 15) A trans girl, arty, shy, cautious (we are looking for a trans actress **ideally** of Middle Eastern, North African, Black, or biracial/multiracial heritage)

**Tao** (age 15) King of melodrama, opinionated, loves his friends (Chinese, biracial/multiracial Chinese, or East/South East Asian heritage)

**Isaac** (age 15) Charlie & Tao's bestie, silent but perceptive (open to any ethnic heritage)

THIS SERIES IS SET IN THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND BUT WE WELCOME APPLICATIONS FROM ALL OVER THE UK. YOU **MUST** BE UK BASED





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## **INFO & INTIMACY STATEMENT**

*See-Saw Films is making an 8 x 30' live-action YA drama series, HEARTSTOPPER based on the renowned graphic novel series, for Netflix.*

*The series is an LGBTQI+ look at life for the current generation of young teens.*

*It has an ensemble cast, made up of young gay, lesbian, bi and trans characters, placed firmly in the spotlight. The show seeks to deliver all the fireworks of teen life, the sparks of first love, the anxieties of school... every facet of being a teenager in the UK. The tone is celebratory and uplifting, seeking to create positive same-sex role models and relationships, all while eschewing darkness and angst.*

*The roles will require on-screen kissing. Our approach to the on-screen romance is faithful to the graphic novels which can be viewed online at: <https://tapas.io/series/Heartstopper>*

*There is physical affection between the characters, and this involves passionate kissing and hugging at specific moments in their romances. Our aim is to realistically portray the emotional complexities of young love and romance, whilst never tipping into anything provocative. There will be an intimacy co-ordinator to make sure these moments are planned out and fit within these parameters.*

Email a recent photo and a short paragraph about yourself to: [\*\*heartstopper@danieledwardscasting.com\*\*](mailto:heartstopper@danieledwardscasting.com)

Please put **HEARTSTOPPER CASTING** in the subject box, make sure you include your contact details, if you are under 18 you **must** also include your parent or guardians' contact details

If we feel you might be right for one of our characters we will be in touch as soon as possible with more information about the casting process and our Covid protocols.

DE CASTING believes every person has the right to define their gender or sexuality as they wish and has the right to express themselves only when they feel supported and in a safe space to do so. We will not ask that question of you, but we hope you will feel confident and inspired to impart whatever information you would like and only if comfortable telling us in relation to these wonderful characters and your connection with them.

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