

# SHAKESPEARE <sup>NORTH</sup> PLAYHOUSE

School Partnership Offer 2024

A photograph of a man with a beard and a young girl with a blue and white striped headband. The man is wearing a dark t-shirt with a colorful graphic of a cartoon character. They are both looking down at a piece of paper on a table, with the man pointing at it. In the background, a yellow banner with the words 'SHAKESPEARE' and 'PLAYHOUSE' is visible. The image is framed by a green diagonal border.

**RAISING ASPIRATIONS  
LIFE LONG LEARNERS  
JOY THROUGH CREATIVITY**

# WHAT'S NEW?

## A FLEXIBLE APPROACH

We're excited to build on feedback from headteachers and education leaders, and have shaped our partnership offer to make it more flexible and affordable to schools.

Schools can now choose the level and type of engagement that they would like. There are three different packages to choose from and each package has been developed in line with Arts Council England's Quality Principles.

As an Artsmark Partner, we aim to support schools by providing high quality creative experiences that help them to address areas of their school improvement plans.

The set packages available are detailed in this booklet. Once a school has purchased one package, they will receive all of our School Partnership benefits, including a 20% discount off the cost of additional packages.

We are also able to design bespoke packages for schools who would like their students to experience specific activity that supports and enhances the curriculum throughout the school year. If you would like a bespoke package, please email us to discuss options - [Learning@shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:Learning@shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk).

"The partnership that Evelyn CP school has with Shakespeare North Playhouse has opened the door to a suite of rich creative opportunities for staff and pupils. We could not have imagined just how positively the partnership would have been embraced by children, staff and parents. There is a real buzz around school whenever we mention Shakespeare North Playhouse."

Sandra Macleod - Headteacher  
Evelyn CP School

"The partnership is important due to the bespoke packages available and the cross-curricular links provided, which not only combine subject specific work but also opportunities to personally develop. The partnership has contributed to school improvement priorities through strands such as personal development and student outcomes, and is funded through pupil premium funding. This is a fantastic use of the funds as it provides students with experiences they have never had before, and may never experience again."

Josie Gallagher - Vice Principal  
Halewood Academy



# THEATRE PACKAGE

£550

The Cockpit Theatre is a traditional 470 seat timber framed Shakespearean theatre, a replica of a 17th century theatre which existed in Whitehall, London in the 17th century.

Watching a production in this intimate space is a unique and unforgettable experience. As well as the architectural and historic significance, the productions bring Shakespeare's work to life in exciting ways and present fascinating stories inspired by The Bard.

This package will provide your students and staff with a memorable experience of world class theatre on their doorstep. Included is a class visit to see a performance in our Cockpit Theatre for up to 36 people (32 students and 4 staff).

Visit our website for a full list of upcoming productions:  
[www.shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk)



A Midsummer Night's Dream (Matthew Dunster & Not Too Tame, 2022) at Shakespeare North Playhouse. The show featured integrated BSL. Image by Patch Dolan



**“It was a wonderful introduction to Shakespeare, to the play and to your wonderful new theatre.”**

Year 10 English Teacher

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# WORKSHOP PACKAGE

£550

A member of the learning team from Shakespeare North Playhouse will deliver a full day workshop. This could be at your school, depending on location, and for up to 60 students throughout the day. The focus for the day will be discussed in advance and can support your whole school priorities, whether that be raising attainment, improving student confidence and resilience, citizenship, heritage, performance and spoken word or literacy. The choice is yours!

Here is a selection of our current workshops which can all be adapted for any age and ability. For the full list, visit our website: [www.shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk)

## **Be Yourself**

Exploring self-image, identity and healthy relationships through Shakespeare.

## **Heart of Gold**

Exploring fundamental values and citizenship through Shakespeare.

## **Local Heritage**

A tour of our amazing theatre, learning all about the links to Shakespeare and the heritage of Prescot, followed by a practical session creating Elizabethan style portraits.

## **Jesters Workshop**

Exploring Shakespeare's silliest characters and the wacky world of jesters with fun drama and dance games and creative activities. Particularly suited to KS1.

**"The variety of activities was excellent. The children felt so confident in both writing and performing poems by the end of the day. We've learnt some great tips that we can use in school."**

Year 5 Teacher



## **Careers**

A tour of Shakespeare North Playhouse, including backstage areas and our Cockpit Theatre, followed by a session in the Learning Centre exploring creative industry career pathways.

## **Spooky Shakespeare**

Exploring the ghostly and gothic, sinister and supernatural elements of Shakespeare and creating creepy stories.

## **Five Elements**

Exploring the parallels between Hip Hop and Shakespeare to encourage creative expression.

## **Finding Your Voice**

Building confidence, developing self-expression and performing aloud to an audience.

# CPD PACKAGE

£550



We offer a variety of informative and creative sessions which can be delivered at your school as part of an INSET day or as a twilight session.

This package includes a 2-hour session for up to 30 teachers, delivered at school or at Shakespeare North Playhouse, as well as teaching resources to use back in the classroom.

## Bard across the Board

### Cross-Curricular Shakespeare (2 hours)

If you thought Shakespeare was just for English and Drama lessons, thou art mistaken. It's surprising what the bard can bring to every subject! Perfect for topic, theme and project-based learning this session explores making connections between Shakespeare and Citizenship, History, Geography, Art and even Maths and Science!

### Creative Approaches to Revision (2 hours)

As exam time approaches, join us for a session exploring ways of supporting students through revising Shakespeare texts, with ideas to inspire even the most reluctant of learners to reconnect with the plays, study independently and develop understanding.

## Words and Wellbeing (2 hours)

Join us for a relaxing session of reading and reflection as we explore a timeless Shakespeare text to inspire a personal creative response, modelling an approach to encourage positive thinking and expression.

## Shakespeare Off the Page (2 hours)

A session exploring dynamic ways of bringing Shakespeare to life in the classroom. Gain ideas to enrich your lessons with interactive activities and creative approaches to studying his work, as well as trying drama and rehearsal room techniques to engage and inspire students of all ages and abilities.

## Life-long Learning (2 hours)

Learn how to build discussion and reflection into your lessons in order to develop life-long learning skills and student resilience. You will leave the session with a visual creative record of the techniques discussed.



## Logo and statement

We will provide an education partnership logo to display on your school website and letterhead. This will also be supplied with a statement explaining the partnership and the value the school places on arts, culture and creativity, which the school can then quote in relation to Artsmark and Ofsted etc.

## 20% off

20% discount off the price of additional packages, workshops and CPD, and access to a £12 ticket price for shows in the Cockpit Theatre.

## 2024 Additional project

Our Town's Sound is a project exploring the heritage of local language. Inspired by our wonderful First Folio exhibition, this project is designed to capture the essence of language specific to Knowsley and the surrounding areas.

From local industry to migration, social structure to popular culture, many factors can influence language development, creating colloquialisms specific to a place.

We will be working with the local community, supported by artists and heritage specialists, to dive into local slang and uncover conversational gems.

All partner schools will be offered workshop sessions as part of the project, with the focus on getting students excited about local history, spoken word and writing.

Tritax Symmetry, Supporter of the Schools Partnership 2023/24



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# ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

## Transport discount

All educational partners will be able to access a 20% discount from Maghull Coaches when booking transport to and from Shakespeare North Playhouse.

This can be used for a visit to the Cockpit Theatre, or any additional visits to the venue throughout the academic year.



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"I was unsure what to expect but I really enjoyed the session. It was just what we needed after 2 days of Ofsted. I like the adaptability of the resources, working with other teachers and seeing how they adapted and created resources".

Teacher attendee for Words and Wellbeing CPD

"The students really enjoyed it and by valuing their individual contributions, you gave them a real confidence boost. The focus on the drama helped them connect with the facets of Hamlet's character that can be difficult to articulate".

KS4 Teacher

# HOW DO YOU BECOME A SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE EDUCATION PARTNER?

To sign up, please complete the information below, then scan and email it to [learning@shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:learning@shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk). You can also complete our online sign-up form: [shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk/education-partner-enquiry/](https://shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk/education-partner-enquiry/)

We will then forward an SLA to your Headteacher and an invoice to your finance officer. Please indicate which package, or packages, you would like so that we can apply relevant discounts. School partnerships last for 12 months from the date payment is received.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Please tick which package or packages you would like:**

Theatre Package ☐      Workshop package ☐      CPD Package ☐

Headteacher name: \_\_\_\_\_

Headteacher email: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance email contact to send invoice: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

VAT no (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ PO number (if required): \_\_\_\_\_

So that we can ensure relevant information is sent to appropriate members of your team, please provide email addresses for the following:

Head of English/Literacy Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

PSHE Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Drama Lead: \_\_\_\_\_