



BECOME AN ASSOCIATE SCHOOL

JOIN A GROUND-BREAKING NEW PROGRAMME AND WORK WITH SCHOOLS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO BRING SHAKESPEARE'S WORK TO LIFE

The Associate Schools programme is the RSC's national partnership project run by regional theatre companies and schools, in partnership with the RSC.

The programme is built around local partnerships that consist of a Lead Associate School and theatre partner who recruit a number of Associate Schools.

King Ethelbert School is a Lead Associate School in this exciting new development and are leading an initial two-year programme of work involving teachers, students and the wider community.

The fundamental ambition of the Associate Schools programme is to transform experiences of Shakespeare and live theatre for young people. Alongside continuing professional development and learning opportunities for teachers, the programme includes unique access to the work and resources of the RSC and The Marlowe.

Get involved

We are recruiting Primary, Secondary and Special schools to join us as Associate Schools.

By joining the Associate Schools programme, you will have access to a talent development programme for secondary-aged students, an annual Playmaking Pack and have the chance to participate in a national playmaking festival in Stratford upon Avon.

We are looking for schools with at least two teachers that will lead the programme in their school, have senior management and governor support and will be committed to engage fully for a minimum of two years.

The programme is most suitable for Secondary English and Drama teachers and Primary teachers from either Key Stage 1 or 2.

By joining the Associate Schools programme you will be able to:

- Develop the teaching practice of Shakespeare in your school;
- Connect with theatres across the country;
- Access unique opportunities for staff development;
- Become part of a national research programme about the impact of Shakespeare's work on young people;
- Take part in a national performance festival of work by young people;
- Access opportunities to experience the RSC's First Encounters performances in local theatres and schools;
- Receive support towards becoming an Artsmark school

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What schools say about the Associate Schools Programme:

[It has] given me a huge bank of ideas and approaches, which I can use and develop for myself for my pupils.

TEACHER, MIDDLESBROUGH

The training has provided inspiration for ideas that can be used to ensure that pupils are engaged and develop a good understanding of the plots, characters and themes of Shakespeare's plays.

PRIMARY TEACHER, COUNTY DURHAM

I understand that my role goes beyond successful lessons, schemes of work or performances and is about embedding a culture of immersion throughout my school.

TEACHER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Financial commitment

Each school in the cluster will contribute £500 per year per school towards the cost of the programme. This will cover teacher CPD, workshops in your schools and performance opportunities at The RSC on The Marlowe Stages and in the community. There will also be some additional costs your school will incur to take part in the programme such as teacher cover to attend INSETs and travel to performance events – please bear these in mind when applying for the programme. Payable by September 2019.

Application process

If you wish to apply, please complete the attached Expression of Interest document, and return it to Paul Ainsworth by Monday 17 June. Interviews will take place on the evenings of Monday 24, Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June at King Ethelbert School.

Questions?

Please contact paul.ainsworth@marlowetheatre.com

The Marlowe is proud to be Kent's Regional Theatre Partner as part of the RSC Associate Schools Programme. Through the programme we have been able to work with schools from across the county supporting teachers to develop their skills in teaching Shakespeare and provide high-quality performance opportunities for young people on The Marlowe Stages.

