

**ALMEIDA
THEATRE**

SCHOOLS OFFER: 2023 - 2024



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This is our FREE offer for schools in the local area for the 2023-24 academic year. We want to continue to offer high quality workshops and theatre experiences for local students, and will continue to give free tickets to all schools for Almeida productions. To ensure maximum flexibility to all schools and teachers, you can opt in to as much of the programme that works for you and your school.

Here is our menu of options that teachers can choose from:

- Almeida Production Specific Workshops
- Backstage Tours
- Almeida Unlocked
- WHY DRAMA? Year 7, 8, 9 Workshops
- Masterclasses And Insight Evenings For Teachers
- Free Tickets To Almeida Productions
- Bronze Arts Award



PRODUCTION SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS

We will be offering workshops alongside productions that teachers can request throughout the year. We can deliver workshops to school groups that centre around our current productions, exploring themes, contexts and creative decisions, led by exciting directors and theatre-makers.

We will be announcing our next season very soon which is due to feature some curriculum based texts for both GCSE and A-Level.



BACKSTAGE TOURS

Before selected matinee performances, teachers will have the opportunity to opt for their students to come to the theatre and receive a tour led by our technical team. Students will then have the opportunity to watch the current production, with the new knowledge of how the show was put together from a set, lighting and sound point of view.

There will be limited spaces for this, and teachers can opt for it when choosing to come and see a matinee performance as part of the ticket offer.

There will also be opportunities for technical workshops. These will be led by the Almeida's in-house technical team with a focus on design, lighting and sound on request.



ALMEIDA UNLOCKED

TOOLKIT WORKSHOPS

Each school that opts in to this project will receive two workshops to take place in their school exploring the way the Almeida approaches staging work to help students and teachers develop a toolkit of techniques.

Students will work with an Almeida artist to explore how to create and develop work the 'Almeida way'. Students will work directly with a theatre-maker on new and exciting devising methods to enhance their theatre-making practice. This might include tools for devising and approaches to movement, character and staging scenes. Students will be able to apply these skills to their GCSE and A-Level work.



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PERFORM AT THE ALMEIDA

Schools will have the opportunity to bring the work they have been creating in the Toolkit Workshops to the Almeida stage as part of a two day intensive. On the first day, students will work with the artist and the Almeida tech team to further develop their work. Performances will take place on the second day with the other participating schools as audience members.

This can be adapted to accommodate each school's needs e.g. condensed to a one-day intensive at the theatre or it can take place in your school.



WHY DRAMA? YEAR 7, 8 & 9 WORKSHOPS

Schools will be offered 90-minute workshops aimed at Year 7, 8 and 9. These workshops will give students an insight to the subject, the transferable skills it has to offer, and what to expect as part of taking the subject at GCSE or equivalent level. They are also designed to be a taste of workshops and young company projects at the Almeida so that they can sign up for opportunities in the future.

This workshop will be led by artists from the participation team at the Almeida and are designed to be really high energy and fun. They will include drama games and performing exercises.



MASTERCLASSES FOR TEACHERS AND FACILITATORS

We will be offering teachers a series of masterclasses that can form part of your Continuing Professional Development throughout the academic year, as well as exclusive invites to all the Insight Evenings.

Masterclasses:

These will be a series of practically led workshops specially for teachers such as:

- A focus on design elements (led by set, costume, light and sound)
- A focus on theatre-directing (led by directors)
- A focus on new devising methods (led by theatre-makers)

Insight Evenings:

We are offering free tickets for teachers to see the show before they bring their students. There will also be opportunities for networking and Q&As with creatives as part of these Insight evenings.



DIGITAL RESOURCES

Accompanying each production, we create learning resources such as interviews with creatives.

NEW IN OUR RESOURCE HUB, 2022-23



← **MAKING THE HOUSE OF SHADES:
5 TIPS FOR ASPIRING COSTUME
DESIGNERS WITH *LIAM BUNSTER***

**COSTUME DESIGNER *EVIE GURNEY*
ON HER INSPIRATION FOR WOMEN,
BEWARE THE DEVIL**



← **MAKING THE TRAGEDY OF
MACBETH: FIGHT DIRECTION
WITH '*KOMAT KATE*' WATERS**

BRONZE ARTS AWARD

We are a registered Arts Award Centre in London offering students the opportunity to take their Bronze Award in theatre and performance. Our Schools Producer is Arts Award trained and can help your students gain their Bronze Award through bespoke workshops.

The structure of the Arts Award workshops can be flexible to each school individually; this can be an intensive week or spread over the whole academic year. As part of the award, students will be offered tickets to see and review an Almeida production and lead their peers in short workshops. We fund a limited amount of arts awards per year, additional awards can be arranged for a small extra cost.

For more details about Arts Award, please visit their website here: <https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=65>



IMPORTANT DATES

AUTUMN TERM (4th Sept - 21st Oct)

- Production specific workshops (dates to be arranged individually with teachers throughout the term)
- Technical / Backstage workshops and theatre tours (to be arranged individually with teachers throughout the term)
- Masterclass for teachers

SPRING TERM (8th Jan - 28th March)

- Toolkit workshops (dates to be arranged individually with teachers throughout the term)
- Perform at the Almeida (Two Day Intensive)
- Masterclass for teachers
- Careers Taster Day / Panel

SUMMER TERM (15th April - 24th July)

- Toolkit workshops (dates to be arranged individually with teachers throughout the term)
- Perform at the Almeida (Two Day Intensive)
- Why Drama workshops (to be arranged individually with teachers throughout the term)
- Masterclass for teachers

Each school will be offered FREE tickets to Almeida productions throughout the year

PRODUCTION DATES

A MIRROR - Aug to Sept

PORTIA COUGHLAN - Oct to Nov

NEW SHOW TBA - Dec to Jan

KING LEAR - Feb to March



FOR NON-LOCAL SCHOOLS

If you are a teacher at a school not in Islington or our surrounding boroughs (Haringey, Hackney, Camden and Tower Hamlets), you can still engage with the theatre and access some of our programme of work. A breakdown of what is available is below:

Introducing Almeida Productions

A pre-show workshop designed to introduce students to the key themes and context of the play, and prepare them for analysing and evaluating a performance. Taking inspiration from the rehearsal room, these workshops provide students with a practical understanding of the director's approach to interpreting the text and staging the production.

Exploring Almeida Productions

A post-show workshop examining the creative decisions made by the director in relation to style, character and design together with a consideration of the audience's response to the play. Students will practically evaluate the effectiveness of these decisions by exploring alternative ways of staging key moments from the play.

Workshops will take place at your school and are up to 90 minutes long and can accommodate up to 30 students. If your school is located out of London we will add on travel costs to cover our facilitators. If you would like to book a workshop or for further information please contact the Participation Team on participate@almeida.co.uk with the following information:

- Preference of workshop
- Dates and times
- Number of students
- Year group or age of students
- Any access requirements we should be made aware of
- Area of study (A Level English, GCSE Drama etc)

Workshop fee is £150 for half a day, or £250 for a full day

HOW TO SIGN UP

SCHOOLS OFFER OPTIONS

Please use the form below to register interest on behalf of your school. Please indicate your Schools Offer option preferences (you can amend this at any time by emailing the Schools Producer):

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FREE TICKETS

As usual, you will receive a direct email from the Schools Producer ahead of each production. This will outline the production information and content warnings and include a form to fill out. In this form please indicate your preference from the choice of dates and how many tickets you would like and if you would like to see the production in advance as part of an Insight Evening.



Please contact our Schools Producer for more information - participate@almeida.co.uk

We also offer bespoke workshops for SEND Schools and Primary Schools - please get in contact for more information