

schools activities

Discover the extraordinary theatre experiences we create
for Primary and Secondary schools

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At Captial Theatres, we're here to inspire the next generation of theatre makers and thinkers. Our schools programme invites pupils and teachers to connect with the world of theatre through engaging workshops, behind-the-scenes access and creative learning experiences.

Find out how your school can take part.

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buying tickets

Extraordinary theatre, lasting impact



A visit to our theatres is more than a school trip – it's a chance to experience powerful storytelling, ignite imaginations, and see learning come to life on stage. Here's our lowdown on all the practical information you'll need to bring a school to see a show.

Do you offer a discount for schools?

We care about young people seeing shows, which is why many of our productions are able to offer a special schools rate, starting at £10.00 per learner.

When can we get this discount?

You can book with a schools discount for most performances, except Friday and Saturday evenings. Our Group Sales team will keep you right.

Do we have to pay straight away?

We get it – school trips take planning. That's why we offer extended reservations for school bookings.

Where will we sit?

School seats may be in set areas – but every view is a great one!

Can we pre-order our ice-creams?

Absolutely. Download our ice-cream pre-order form or contact our group sales team for support.

Ice Cream Form

Ready to experience the magic of theatre?

Contact our friendly Group Sales team today on 0131 529 6005 or groups@capitaltheatres.com

backstage tours

Fancy stepping onto
Scotland's biggest stage?



Curious about life behind the curtain? Eager to explore the history of Edinburgh's oldest theatre site? Our backstage tours are the perfect way to spark interest in the world of theatre.

Cost One session free, small charge for more.

Duration 45 mins (P1-4), 1 hr (P5-7), 1.5 hr (Secondary)

Capacity 25 (Primary), 35 (Secondary)

ASN Please inform us of any access/support needs 1 week before your tour. Level access routes available on request. We are also happy to accommodate smaller group tours for learners with more complex needs.

How to book We reserve special days each year for school visits, and they fill up fast – so reach out today!

Enquiry form

Contact engage@capitaltheatres.com

Safeguarding

- Bring enough staff to keep everyone safe – at least 1 adult per 10 children (more if needed).
- Have an accurate list of learners and emergency contact info with you.
- A First Aid-trained, PVG-checked staff member will be with you throughout.
- Your host is trained in emergencies – just follow their lead if needed.
- We follow Scottish Government COVID-19 guidelines. Masks are optional, and hand sanitiser is available. Tours are limited to one school at a time.
- Please don't bring nut products into the auditorium or backstage.
- Wear comfy clothes and closed-toe shoes – there'll be some walking.
- It's a working theatre, so be aware of activity around you. Don't run or touch things unless invited!
- The stage is exciting – but for safety, no approaching the edge or equipment. Tours may be ended if safety is at risk.
- Our team is here to help, but schools are responsible for their group at all times, including travel.
- We won't tolerate mistreatment of staff. Teachers must manage behaviour and step in if needed.
- A quiet break-out space is always available if needed.
- Please consider if the theatre visit is right for your group that day – we want everyone to enjoy the experience!

wraparound experiences

Get closer to our shows!



Many of our visiting shows offer exciting wraparound experiences designed specifically for schools.

These experiences provide an opportunity for learners to dive deeper into the production process, connect with the themes of the show and engage in creative activities that enhance their learning and enjoyment of the performance.

You can learn more about the wraparound experiences available for each of our visiting shows by heading directly to the show's landing page on our **website**.

Or, to be first in the know, join our teachers mailing list today!



Primary teachers

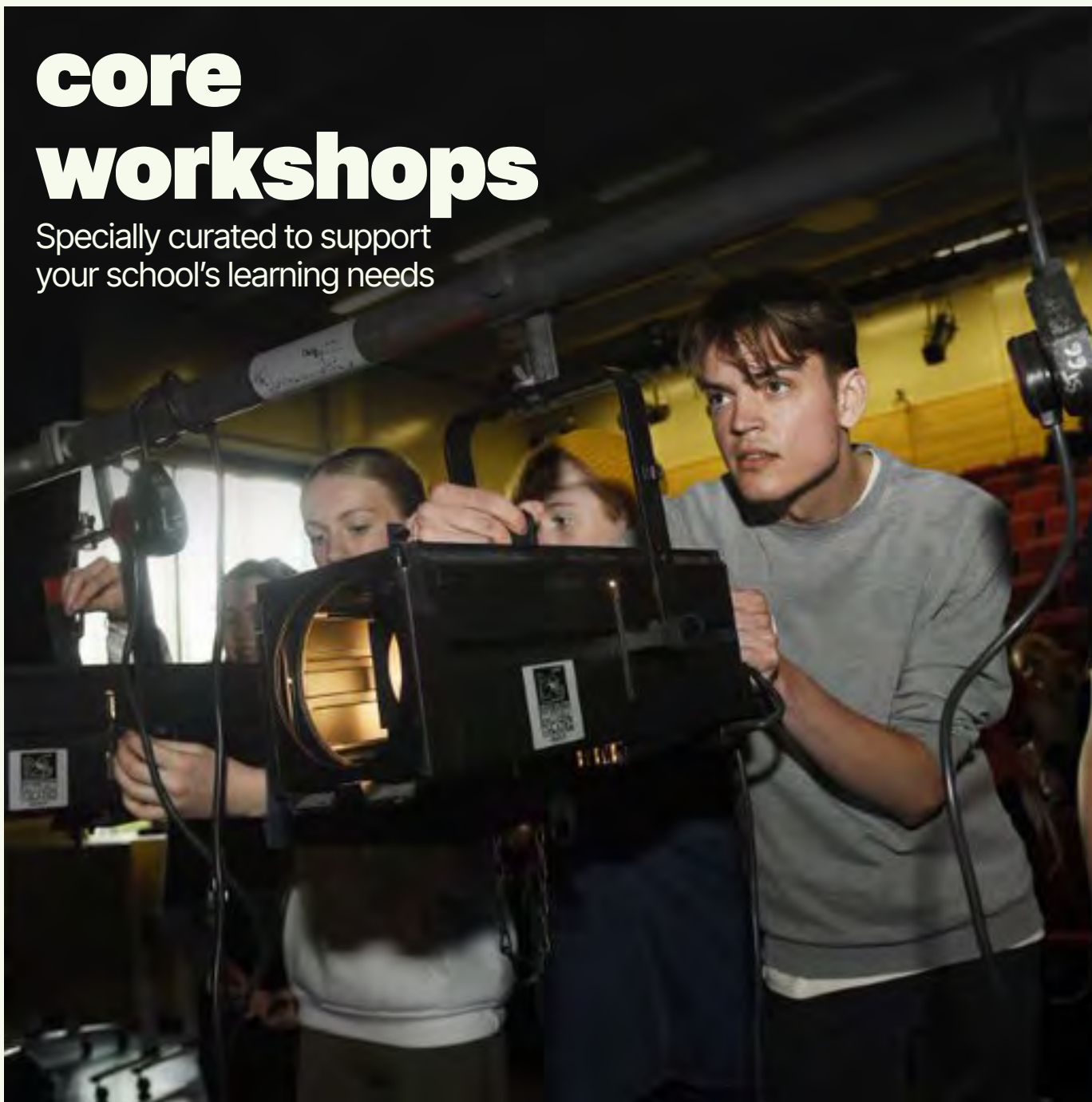


Secondary teachers



core workshops

Specially curated to support
your school's learning needs

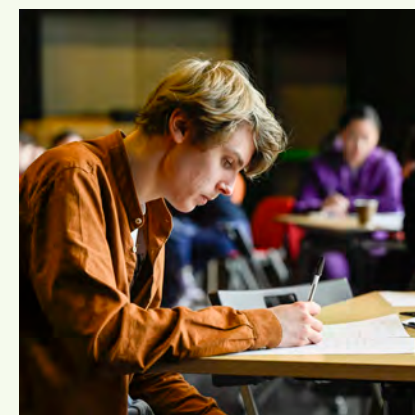


Along with our show wraparound experiences, we're excited to offer our core workshops for Primary and Secondary schools. Created with input from Edinburgh schools and young people, these workshops are designed to boost creativity, build practical skills in the performing arts, and support curriculum learning in areas of the industry that can be harder to reach.

Need an adapted version to better suit the needs of your class? Just ask and we'll be delighted to tailor the session.

Enquiry form

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Primary Schools

A Night at the Theatre

For P1-3 | 45 mins | £150 | 1 class per session

Step into the magic of theatre with a fun, interactive workshop led by a playful, in-character usher. Perfect for first-time theatre-goers, pupils explore the stage, try acting games, learn backstage roles, and build confidence – all in one exciting session.

What's included:

- Immersive intro to theatre
- Acting games & performance techniques
- Confidence-building & teamwork
- A chance to perform for peers

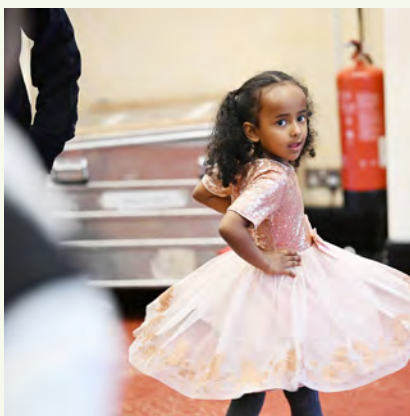
The Character Factory

For P4-7 | 1 hour | £150 | 1 class per session

Get into character with this immersive workshop, held at your school or at the theatre. Pupils use movement, improvisation and team activities to build unique characters – just like the pros on stage.

What's included:

- Build your own character from scratch
- Teamwork, expression & confidence-building
- Real theatre techniques
- Take a bow as your finished character



Secondary Schools

Theatre Insights: The Business of Making Theatre

For all secondary levels | 1.5 hrs | £150 | Up to 35 learners

Suitable for schools, colleges & youth groups

Step behind the scenes in this hands-on workshop that explores both the creative and business sides of theatre. You'll start by thinking like a programmer – deciding what makes a great show and how venues plan their seasons. Then, shift into the role of theatre maker as you pitch your own show idea and bring it to life through a dynamic devising session.

What's included:

- Explore how shows are programmed and promoted
- Pitch your own production as a team
- Try devising with no script – just ideas and creativity
- Build skills in teamwork, innovation, and performance

Audition & Interview Skills

For Higher+ | 2 hrs | £150 | Up to 20 learners

Tailored for schools, colleges & young adult groups

Build confidence for creative and professional futures in this dynamic workshop led by inspiring artists. Through performance techniques and spoken word exercises, participants develop their voice, presence, and self-expression – key tools for auditions, interviews, and beyond.

What's included:

- Use performance & spoken word to boost confidence
- Learn to present yourself with clarity and authenticity
- Strengthen communication & public speaking skills
- Build a personal toolkit for creative and career success

Not just about getting the part – it's about finding your voice and using it with confidence.



specialist workshops

Connections that inspire



Is there a particular learning strand we can support your students with? We're delighted to connect your school with one of our talented Engagement Artists to create something truly custom-made for your learners.

Currently, we are able to support workshops in a variety of exciting areas, including:

- **Dance** Explore movement, choreography, and how to express a story through dance.
- **Directing** Learn the essential skills of directing and how to lead a team to achieve an artistic vision.
- **Devising** Work collaboratively to create an original piece of theatre from scratch.
- **Set & Costume Design** Understand the creative process of designing sets and/or costumes for a production.
- **Puppetry** Dive into the world of puppetry and discover how to bring characters to life through movement and performance.
- **Spoken Word** Develop writing and performance skills through the powerful art of spoken word poetry and storytelling.
- **SFX Make Up** Learn the art of special effects makeup and how it's used to create incredible characters and transformations.
- **Technical Theatre** Explore the behind-the-scenes work in lighting, sound, and stage management that makes a production run smoothly.

Most workshops last 1.5 - 2 hrs, can be delivered to 1 class at a time, and cost £150.00 per session.

Bespoke Requests

We're always happy to meet with young people and share our experiences of working life in the arts. Whether you're hosting a careers fair, talk, speed networking event, or something more informal, our inbox is always open! Start the conversation today at engage@capitaltheatres.com

Enquiry form

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opportunities & resources for teachers

Support for your continuing
professional development



Networking

We really value our relationships with teachers, which is why we love hosting our annual networking nights for primary and secondary staff – whatever your subject. These evenings usually include free tickets to one of our shows, a relaxed pre-show reception, and the chance to chat with our Creative Engagement and Group Sales teams – and, when possible, members of the show's creative team too.

CPD opportunities

We're here to support your Career-Long Professional Learning. Working closely with our visiting productions, we offer a range of opportunities just for teachers. To find out more, check the production pages on our website – or even better, sign up to our teachers' mailing list and stay in the loop!



Primary teachers



Secondary teachers

Classroom Resources

Head to the website today to explore our **Classroom Resources** page, which includes:

- Education Packs
- Schools Planner
- Festival Theatre Visual Story
- Studio Visual Story
- Stage Directions

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