

schools activities

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At Capital 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?



We love giving young people the chance to see theatre from a whole new perspective. Our backstage tours take learners beyond the auditorium to discover hidden spaces, uncover fascinating heritage and shine a light on the people, skills and technology that bring productions to life.

Where?

School tours are available at both the King's Theatre and Festival Theatre.

When?

9.30–10.30am, fortnightly during school term time:

- Wednesdays at the King's Theatre
- Thursdays at the Festival Theatre

Capacity?

- King's Theatre: up to 30 people
- Festival Theatre: up to 35 people

Capacities include school staff and may be adjusted depending on the needs of your group and the spaces available.

Cost?

Schools tours are free, but to make sure everyone has access, we may limit to one school visit per theatre per term. It is sometimes possible to accommodate two classes in one visit for a small extra charge.

Who can attend?

Tours are open to all school ages, but are best suited to P6+ due to their length and format. We'll work with you to tailor the experience to your group's access and support needs.

How to book

Email engage@capitaltheatres.com to get started. Once your visit is confirmed, we'll ask you to complete a short safety declaration form.

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



creative workshops & visits

Specially curated to support
your school's learning needs



Want to take a deeper dive into the world of theatre-making? We love working with schools to create visits that are meaningful, creative and tailored to your learners.

Whether you want to add a workshop to complement your backstage tour, support an area of curriculum learning or build a full half-day visit, we'll work with our talented Engagement Artists to create an experience your learners will remember long after the curtain drops.



how does it work?

Choose your venue

Most activities can take place at the Festival or King's Theatre. Technical Theatre workshops take place at the Studio Theatre and are subject to limited availability.

Build a visit around your school

Choose a backstage tour, a creative workshop, or combine activities for a half-day experience. Tell us your group size, timings and what you'd like your learners to explore, and we'll suggest the best format and cost.

That might mean one workshop delivered to multiple groups, different activities running side-by-side, or a carousel where groups rotate between experiences.

What could you explore?

Our Engagement Artists work across a wide range of specialisms, including:

- Audition & Interview Skills
- Careers & Industry Insights
- Dance & Movement
- Devising
- Directing
- Musical Theatre
- Puppetry
- Set & Costume Design
- SFX Make-Up
- Spoken Word
- Stage Management
- Technical Theatre

Have another idea? Just ask! We're always open to bespoke requests.



what does it cost?

Backstage Tour

1 hour | First group free | £75 per additional group

Creative Workshop

Approx. 1.5 hours | From £150

Half-Day Experience

Up to 4 hours | Price on request

Good to know

- Workshops and tours are generally designed for one class at a time.
- Activities can be adapted for different ages and access or support needs.
- Activities are subject to artist and space availability, so early booking is recommended.
- All sessions are delivered by PVG-checked artists and risk assessed in line with Capital Theatres' safeguarding procedures.
- Group leaders remain responsible for the young people in their care and will be asked to complete a safety declaration form before their visit.

Start planning your visit

Email engage@capitaltheatres.com and tell us what you have in mind. Our Creative Engagement team will help you explore the options and build the right visit for your school.



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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