LICHFIELD GARRICK THEATRE & STUDIO

Schools Pack

Activities and resources for secondary schools

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Introduction

At the Lichfield Garrick, we want to make theatre exciting and accessible to all students by opening their eyes to new activities, boosting their confidence, and engaging with them through different ways of learning with fun drama activities. From tours to talks, workshops to tailor-made masterclasses, you can access whatever your students need.

Get in touch today and we can work with you to see what we can offer for the budget you're working with.

Inside this pack, you'll find a wide range of school offerings, including suggested workshops. We hope that something catches your eye, and that you'll drop us a line to book a creative activity for your school!

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Backstage Tours

Have you ever wondered what happens backstage?

Learn all about how a theatre works with one of our backstage tours.

Let a member of our professional team lead you and your group around the theatre, and learn all about lighting, sound, stage management - you will even get to stand on stage and see the theatre as the acts see it! You will also get to see our dressing rooms, how sets are stored, and what it's like to be a member of the backstage crew.

Our tours for schools have a focus on how shows come together, so inspire your class today with this fantastic opportunity.

Our tours last up to 90 mins - questions encouraged throughout!

Cost:
£2.50 +VAT pp (up to 20 students)
£50 +VAT (above 20 students)

Make the most of your time, COMBINE & SAVE!

Combine a workshop with a backstage tour, a technical demonstration or a lighting workshop and save on the cost.

MAXIMUM DURATION: 4 - 5 HOURS (INCL. LUNCH BREAK)

Classroom Talks & Career Events

Cost: FREE
Only pay travel expenses

Covering theatre in your curriculum?

Or maybe just want to offer your class a taste of something different?

We can offer a talk, either in person or electronically, all about theatre. Your class can have direct access to interview theatre professionals, learn what it means to be creative for a living, and discover careers you might not have known existed before.

Technical Consultations & Workshops

Cost: £145 +VAT

Want a workshop with some wow factor?

Book your school in for a technical demonstration here at the Lichfield Garrick Theatre. Learn all about lights, sound and stage effects with our highly skilled technical team, discover the building blocks of the different kinds of shows, and how to apply their principles to your own work. You can even have a go yourself.

Work Experience

We are offering a 5 day week of work experience three times throughout the year on specific dates.

To find these dates and apply to take part in one of these weeks, please head over to **www.lgtl.ink/workexp** to fill out our application form.

We will review all applications in January and contact each applicant to let them know if they have been successful or not.

If you would like more information or updates on these, please contact our Community Engagement Manager (contact details on page 3).

Workshops

Our wide selection of theatre workshops sees your students working with our experienced facilitators. We can bring these workshops to you or, when available, we can host the workshops at the theatre and offer extras, like a backstage tour or a technical demonstration.

If one of our standard workshops doesn't suit your school, allow us to build a bespoke workshop for you.

Our prices for workshops either in your school or at the theatre:

Half day - **£280** (around £7 per student, based on a group of 40)

We are offering a **10% discount for multiple days** of workshops, and other discounts available for workshops booked alongside a performance.

We aim to make our workshops as accessible as possible. If you struggle with our prices, our criteria for offering free workshops is based on a percentage of 30% of free school meal places across the school. We may still be able to offer a free workshop if the percentage is just under this but there is a genuine need for other reasons, such as alternative provision, SEND, or rural access. Please reach out and we will do our best to support you to get the best experience for your students.

DEVISING

Use your imaginations to start devising and creating performances.

We'll use games to explore the skills and creativity, using bodies, sounds, and imagination to create our own ideas throughout and allowing them to flow freely.

The aim is teamwork, communication, and fun!

Keywords: Theatre, Devising, Character, Facial expression, Body language, Confidence, Physical theatre, Movement, Exploration.

Cross curricular links: GCSE Drama, A-level Drama and Theatre, BTEC performance modules.

BRINGING TEXTS TO LIFE

Our most popular workshop - tailored to YOU!

If there is a book, poem, or topic that your group is looking at, we will create a drama workshop around this to enhance their understanding of the selected text. With this workshop, we work closely with your school to make sure we're meeting your students where they are in their learning. We'll learn the story together and, using drama to get the story up on its feet, embody the characters, create atmosphere, and bring the story to life.

Keywords: Character, Atmosphere, Story

Cross curricular links: Communication, Explanation, Imagination

UNDERSTANDING SHAKESPEARE

A fun and understandable exploration of Shakespeare.

We'll create an accessible and understandable workshop to excite students about Shakespeare.

We'll focus on the storylines of some of his most famous characters - we can focus on a specific play, or it can be a generalised understanding... it's up to you!

Keywords: Shakespeare, Character, Narrator.

Cross curricular links: Transition to secondary school.

THEATRE IN EDUCATION

Explore how theatre can be used to educate and inform different groups.

This workshop gets the students to focus on the message they want to express and look at how researching their focus group can inform a small performance for their selected group. These groups could range from primary school children, sheltered housing, etc. We would work closely with your school to work alongside your curriculum for a workshop like this.

Keywords: Theatre, Devising, Education, Character, Facial expression, Body language, Confidence, Physical theatre, Movement, Exploration.

Cross curricular links: GCSE Drama, A-level Drama and Theatre, BTEC performance modules.

MUSICAL THEATRE

For West End and Broadway enthusiasts!

Create a scene and dance through a popular musical theatre number! If your group is looking at a musical, or a theme that links to one, we can bring you a tailor-made workshop. If you want a more generic workshop that covers Musical Theatre rather than a bespoke one, then that's fine too - students will learn a song and accompanying movements to push their creativity!

Keywords: Character, Language, Emotion, Body language, Facial expression, Accent, Gesture, Movement, Physicality.

Cross curricular links: Musical theatre, Drama, Performing arts.

PHYSICAL THEATRE

Movement in theatre.

Trying to push away from traditional play acting? Here, the students can experiment with using movement, gesture and modern dance to tell a story. This workshop teaches the students how to use stimuli to start creating a physical movement piece, and teaches them how to use more abstract movements, either as an individual or group to represent meanings or moments.

Keywords: Movement, Body language, Gesture, Physical theatre.

Cross curricular links: Physical education, Dance.

We also offer other workshops involving:

- **Puppeteering**
- **Directing**
- **Monologues**
- **Intro to Practitioners** (tailored to your chosen practitioner)
- **Creative Responses to Stimuli**
- **Technical Lighting** (At the Lichfield Garrick)
- **Technical Sound** (At the Lichfield Garrick)

Group Booking Information

The Lichfield Garrick offers discounted tickets for school groups for certain shows, including our pantomime.

School bookings may be eligible for discounts on ticket prices, including free tickets for teachers with the purchase of a certain number of tickets.

For more information on the discounts your organisation may be eligible for, or to book on behalf of your school, please email our Box Office Manager: **pete.stevens@lichfieldgarrick.com**.

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