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ASSOCIATE
SCHOOL



Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Programme 2025-2026

An introduction to the Associate Schools Programme:

What are the benefits of becoming an RSC Associate School?

- Being part of a local and national network of schools, teachers and theatre professionals committed to making Shakespeare's work vivid, accessible and enjoyable for children and young people
- Professional Development opportunities with theatre education practitioners from the RSC including CPD and networking opportunities at RSC venues
- Opportunities for staff and student development including Shakespeare Ambassadors - a national leadership programme for young people
- Opportunities to contribute to a national programme of research and practice
- Can be a benefit for Ofsted expectations around spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and contribute towards accreditations such as Artsmark.
- Experience high quality performances of Shakespeare's work in theatres and in school (through online tools)



For more details and case studies about on impact see below:

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/education/associate-schools-programme>

Programme Overview:

- **3 x Full days of In-Service training on RSC Rehearsal Room Pedagogies and playmaking, led by an RSC Associate Learning Practitioner at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre venues in Stratford Upon Avon**
- **2 x Ambassador workshop day. Ambassadors from each school will work at the RSC with an RSC Associate Learning Practitioner to create and lead an Ambassador Project.**
- **1 x Half Day Workshop with an RSC Director Mentor in your school to support your participation in our cluster's Playmaking festival**
- **Regular Networking meetings for Lead Teachers both virtual and in person**
- **Opportunities for further CPD with the RSC and with our trained RSC leads, Cassie and Roh**



To sign up or for more information,
please contact Roh Keys:
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Cost:
£300

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 29: Goals of education
Article 31: Leisure, play and culture





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Programme Detail:

Welcome Meeting

An introduction meeting to the programme, via Teams with the RSC to discuss the impact and projects that may be possible within your educational setting. **Thursday 25th September 2025, 3.40 -4.20pm.**

CPD Days

Three immersive, dynamic and engaging full days of training in Stratford led by an RSC Associate Learning Practitioners. An opportunity to meet with other associate school clusters from around Warwickshire and work with colleagues at the RSC in Royal Shakespeare Theatre spaces. The CPD will include training and developing understanding on the rehearsal room approaches, exploration of this year's play and development of the annual Playmaking celebration.

CPD Day 1— Monday 10th November. 08:30—16:00 at the Clore Learning Centre, Stratford Upon Avon

CPD Day 2—Monday 19th January 08:30—16:00 at the Clore Learning Centre, Stratford Upon Avon

CPD Day 3: Playmaking focus—Monday 20th April 08:30—16:00 at the Clore Learning Centre, Stratford Upon Avon

All INSET training is **bespoke** and planned for the Warwickshire clusters, so we can cover key themes or learning objectives that **meet your school's needs**- please encourage your staff to feedback about your setting.

Workshop with RSC Director Mentor

1 x Half Day Workshop with an RSC Director Mentor in your school in the Summer Term to support your participation in our Playmaking Festival. Director Mentor sessions are scheduled to take place **w/c Monday 8th or 15th June**

Play-making Festival Date: Monday 29th June or 6th July

RSC Shakespeare Ambassador Network

Connecting 4 children from each Associate School to form a regional group of Shakespeare Ambassadors. The children will meet regularly in school and work collaboratively on a project focusing on ideas and issues that matter to them and their peers. They will have **two training sessions at the RSC on Monday 24th November and Monday 18th May** where they will collaborate on a create a project as part of a network of schools across Warwickshire.

Networking Meetings

Lead teachers, from each school, will meet termly online to share ideas and support schools with planning, lesson ideas and performance suggestions alongside updates and key information. These sessions will be facilitated by the Sydenham Lead Teachers, Cassie Cox and Roh Keys

Autumn Term: **Thursday 11th December at 15:30**

Spring Term: **Thursday 12th February at 15:30**

Summer Term: **Monday 11th May at 15:30**

Project Celebration & Review: **Monday 13th July at 15:30**

Optional Extras:

Whole School INSET Additional Cost £400

An RSC practitioner can come and visit your school for a day of staff training, bespoke to your school's needs. This is a fabulous opportunity for you, as a Lead Teacher in your setting, to begin to establish an individual working relationship with the RSC. This can be in a whole day training session at your school. Alternatively, twilight sessions can be booked for £300 each. You can also select an alternative play to focus on should you wish.

There is also an opportunity to attend the **2-day Associate Schools CPD** in Stratford, including accommodation, catering, theatre tickets and CPD.

£100 per person, maximum 2 people per cluster.

We are very lucky that our cluster is often selected for further opportunities, including additional training, research projects, performances and symposiums. You will be kept informed of all of these throughout the year.