

BECOME AN ASSOCIATE SCHOOL

JOIN THE RSC'S ASSOCIATE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME AND
WORK WITH SCHOOLS AND THEATRES AROUND THE
COUNTRY TO BRING SHAKESPEARE'S WORK TO LIFE.

The Associate Schools Programme is the Royal Shakespeare Company's long-term partnership programme. We work with 15 regional theatres and 280 schools across England to embed the active teaching of Shakespeare into the primary and secondary curricula. Alongside transformational continuing professional development for teachers, the programme includes unique opportunities for students in performance, leadership and career development.

What is the impact?

We have undertaken research to measure the impact of the Associate Schools Programme on learning outcomes for young people. Our latest research study, *Time to Act*, makes a direct link between RSC approaches to teaching Shakespeare and improvements in the language development of young people, specifically in writing, as well as developments in their emotional and social skills.

For more information about our research, visit:

www.rsc.org.uk/learn/research



Get Involved

We have clusters in over 30 areas in England, some of which are recruiting primary, secondary and special schools. To be eligible for the Associate Schools Programme, we are looking for **state-maintained schools** who ideally have **above the national average of Pupil Premium funding** or students eligible for Free School Meals.



WE ASK ASSOCIATE SCHOOLS TO:

- Be fully supported by their Senior Leadership team;
- Nominate at least two teachers who will lead the programme in their school, and who will attend the CPD days;
- Play an active role in the cluster's activity and development.



The programme is most suitable for secondary English and Drama teachers and primary teachers (especially those who are the Literacy Lead).

"The active, collaborative approaches to exploring the plays have not only impacted on the children's writing but also on their behaviour, empathy, resilience and relationships.... It is no coincidence that this has occurred whilst we have been working with the RSC."

**Primary Headteacher,
Stoke-on-Trent**

"All pupils experience the world of Shakespeare through lessons which explore rich language and drama. Inspectors observed pupils, many of whom had a history of challenging behaviour, captivated as they explored Act 4 Scene 3 of Julius Caesar."

**Ofsted Report, 2018,
Primary School, County Durham**

"You hear children talking about Shakespeare around the school and in the playground. It's penetrated everywhere from children in the classrooms to parents at the gate."

Headteacher

Application process

If you wish to find out more or to find out if there is a cluster near you, please contact associate_schools@rsc.org.uk.

Questions?

To find out more about the Associate Schools Programme, visit www.rsc.org.uk/learn/associate-schools-programme



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

By joining the Associate Schools Programme, you will:

- Be part of a vibrant regional and national network;
- Develop the teaching practice of Shakespeare in your school through active approaches;
- Become part of a national research programme about the impact of Shakespeare's work on young people;
- Take part in local performance festivals of work by young people;
- Access other opportunities for young people, including youth leadership, learning about careers in the arts and watching RSC productions in your regional theatre or school hall;
- Work with RSC and local practitioners.