

Artsmark and National Theatre Programmes for Secondary Schools

Drama Teacher Conference

Introduction

NT Learning provides children and young people with the chance to discover new skills and experience the excitement of theatre, through inspiring programmes and projects across the UK and at the National Theatre in London.

The Secondary and Further Education Programme works with secondary schools, further education colleges and sixth forms across the UK, offering a range of projects for Key Stage 3 to 5 students.

All NT Secondary projects provide resources and professional development opportunities for teachers enabling them to effectively support their students to enjoy, engage and immerse themselves in the programme whilst learning new skills themselves. All our workshop leaders are professional theatre artists who have been trained to work in a school setting. They include actors, directors, designers and theatre technicians who bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our programmes.

The National Theatre is a registered Artsmark Partner Organisation endorsed by Arts Council England who can support schools in achieving their Artsmark Award accreditation. Artsmark is a nationally recognised quality standard for schools which helps to develop, celebrate and strengthen high quality arts and cultural provision in education settings.

All National Theatre programmes are highly subsidised to enable a broad range of schools to take part. **In addition, we offer bursaries for schools where even the subsidised cost would be a barrier to participation.**

The following document illustrates how **The Drama Teacher Conference**, part of NT Secondary Programme, can ensure high quality, authentic arts activity with your school whilst supporting you on your Artsmark journey.

Artsmark schools are awarded their accreditation by Arts Council England based on the following 8 criteria; leadership, curriculum design, continued professional development (CPD), Children and young people engagement, range of offer, partnerships, equality and diversity, values and ethos. We have mapped each of our secondary programmes against the Artsmark criteria below to ensure that your Artsmark journey is a success:

Drama Teacher Conference

Drama Teacher Conferences are delivered every year at the National Theatre. They run for two days during February half term, offering inspiring professional development, exploring theatre practice through workshops, talks, discussions and masterclasses with a variety of incredible theatre-makers, including NT artists and staff.

For more information – <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/learning/schools/secondary-and-fe/>

What will be the impact of the Drama Teacher Conference for your school?

- Teachers will explore high quality professional work with artists, theatre-makers and arts professional.
- Teachers will return to school with new techniques, ideas and skills to utilise in the classroom.
- Teachers are supported in making cross curricular links with English, History, Science, ICT and Art and Design.
- This is an opportunity to begin a relationship with the National Theatre and industry professionals to continue further work with your school.

How can the Drama Teacher Conference help you achieve your Artsmark Award?

Curriculum Design	Artsmark schools use the arts curriculum to help children to explore other subjects. The Drama Teacher Conference ensures that teachers are given a unique insight into professional theatre and how history, science, literacy and ICT as well as a host of other skills are utilised to create excellent theatre.
CPDL	Artsmark schools show that they have worked with arts organisations to develop educator knowledge and skills. The Drama Teacher Conference provides extensive teacher training with hands-on experience and follow up documentation which outlines further activities to take back to school. Teachers gain knowledge of the range of jobs and careers in theatre and the creative industries.
Range of Offer	Artsmark schools demonstrate that children have had experience of arts and culture within their locality. The Drama Teacher Conference ensures that teachers have an immersive experience of learning with the National Theatre and apply this to their own teaching in the future.
Partnerships	Artsmark schools demonstrate that they have investigated offers from arts and culture providers. Attending the Drama Teacher Conference is a great

	first connection to the NT, and will enable you to find out more about how the NT could work with and support your school.
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