

## Artsmark and National Theatre Programmes for Secondary Schools

### **New Views**

#### 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.

Many 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 artists who have been trained to work with students and schools. They include playwrights, 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 wide 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 **New Views**, part of the 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:

How can Drama and Theatre be developed in your school using New Views?

New Views is an ambitious creative learning programme that can challenge and engage students, whilst supporting and developing teachers. Using a programme of continued professional development and learning, a specially commissioned online scheme of work by professional playwrights with learning resources, New Views inspires learning across the curriculum.

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

What will be the impact of New Views in your school?

- Young people will explore their talent and sharpen their approach to research, while developing and articulating ideas on key ethical questions.
- Students will develop a connection to the arts and an understanding of the power of theatre to engage audiences in serious debate.
- Students will develop their transferable skills for employment and further study including self-management, team working and communication, application of literacy, problem solving, independence and critical engagement with subject material. Children will develop valuable core skills and attributes such as empathy, teamwork and leadership.
- Teachers will learn how to support and develop high quality script writing in their schools.
- Teachers will enhance their understanding of creative learning, and explore how to apply these skills to their future classroom practice.

How can New Views help you achieve your Artsmark Award?

<b>Curriculum Design</b> - Artsmark Schools promote a broad and balanced curriculum.	The New Views programme will support teachers to develop skills, knowledge and understanding by providing specialist theatre making and playwriting workshops for both KS4 and KS5 teachers, led by professional theatre artists, and access to curriculum linked resources with a focus on creative learning techniques that teachers can embed into their future classroom practice.
<b>CPDL</b> - Artsmark Schools provide evidence of a clear commitment to giving teachers CPDL in the arts.	New Views provides professional development for teachers during the training sessions, up to 12 hours of CPD, for both returning and new teachers. This CPD is recorded over three days in September or October and shared in writing, allowing teachers to return to the workshop plans and utilise techniques in schools. The New Views CPD offer develops dependent on teachers' feedback every year.

<p><b>Children and Young People Engagement</b> Artsmark Schools demonstrate that they have involved children throughout the process.</p>	<p>New Views puts young people at the centre of the process, ensuring they feel ownership over their work and that every pupil has the opportunity to create something of their own. Students receive feedback on the first draft of their play from a professional writer, and utilise this feedback as they continue writing.</p>
<p><b>Range of Offer</b> - Artsmark schools demonstrate a diverse offer of high quality arts experiences within and beyond the normal teaching hours.</p>	<p>New Views provides an opportunity for schools to bring students to a National Theatre production, either in London or through NT Live, as a high quality extra-curricular activity. It is designed to encourage students to consider the power of writing and support a culture of creativity.</p>
<p><b>Partnerships</b> - Artsmark Schools demonstrate that they understand the value of working with arts partners to provide and deliver high quality arts education.</p>	<p>New Views provides support to both teachers and young people to deliver high quality arts activity in schools. Schools are able to access year-round online tools to support their facilitation of playwriting sessions in schools while enabling them to access the expertise of an arts partner in a way that is flexible and convenient to them.</p>
<p><b>Equality and Diversity</b> - Artsmark schools demonstrate a commitment to equality of education and opportunity in the arts.</p>	<p>New Views offers plays which explore themes such as gender, sexuality and politics to give pupils a greater understanding of the world in a safe creative space, and contribute towards Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) learning.</p>
<p><b>Values and Ethos</b> - Artsmark schools actively promote a life-long love for learning and enjoyment of the arts. Artsmark schools should be actively working towards Arts Award.</p>	<p>New Views includes Arts Award Advisor training for participating teachers and professional support in encouraging students to achieve Silver or Bronze Arts Award accreditation. Through CPDL and learning resources, New Views also enables teachers to link the plays to the broader curriculum so that children can apply their arts learning in a wider context.</p>