

National Theatre

How does the New Views playwriting programme work?

September

CPD

Teachers are invited to attend training sessions with the NT, either in-person or remotely. We introduce teachers to the course, a range of approaches and supporting resources with workshops with professional playwrights and dramaturgs.

October – March

Deliver workshops with your students

Students, supported by their teachers, follow our specially created course at their own pace in their school or college. These include a range of exercises which can be adapted to best suit the needs of your students. They also see NT productions – at the NT in London, on tour, or in local cinemas via NT Live – and take part in workshops with professional playwrights.

December - April

Writing Your Play

During this period, students start to write half-hour plays about issues that matter to them. Students submit their first drafts in February, and then have feedback sessions with their playwright either in person or online. In April students submit their final drafts to the NT.

May

The mentoring playwrights and a team of readers from the NT read all the plays that have been submitted. A shortlist of plays goes to a panel of NT writers, directors, actors and dramaturgs and they choose a winning play.

June/July

NEW VIEWS FESTIVAL

In June/July, we hold the New Views Festival, where the winning play is produced at the NT with a professional creative team and company. All the shortlisted plays are given a rehearsed reading. The writers have the chance to be part of the rehearsal process.

How much does it cost totake part?

State Schools: £300 (Bursaries are available.)

Independent Schools: £600*

** This fee contributes to the cost of sponsoring a state school to take part in New Views. Independent schools must bring on a state school as part of their engagement with New Views. We will support this where necessary.*

If you have any questions about the programme, or require any further information, please contact newviews@nationaltheatre.org.uk