



Ruby Slippers

Drama Academy



We offer creative learning packages and bespoke workshops in Schools around the North-West. Based in Oldham, and delivered by fully qualified and experienced Drama teachers, actors and directors, we are now taking bookings for September.

OUR AIMS

Our workshops aim to empower young people by giving them the opportunity to unlock their imaginations and express themselves physically and vocally. This practical approach allows students to access and engage with curriculum areas, topics and themes producing creative responses that exceed everyone's expectations.

They gain lifelong communication, literacy and critical thinking skills. With this comes confidence; raising academic and personal aspirations.

WHAT WE CAN OFFER

-  Differentiated to cater for students with additional needs, challenging behaviour or able, gifted and talented.
-  All workshops incorporate literacy objectives, providing stimulus for work on poetry or creative writing.
-  Games and exercises in teamwork, co-operation and building confidence

Bespoke Workshops

Workshops of any length with any number of students of any age!

-  You can choose any topic for a workshop, tell us your objectives and themes, and we will tailor a creative session to tick all those boxes. Some suggestions :-
Primary—The Romans, The Victorians, The Stone Age, The Tudors, Space, Me, Myself and I, Mini-Beasts, the books of Julia Donaldson (or any other writer)
Secondary—Body Image, Homelessness, Drink Driving, Conflict, Human Rights, Prejudice and Discrimination, Commedia Dell'Arte, Witchcraft.
-  For every topic we can supply music, costumes and props, where appropriate, making the whole experience more engaging and exciting for your students.

Example Workshops

Myths, Tales and Legends from Other Cultures

Diwali, The Chinese Willow Pattern, Arachne, Pandora's Box and Ananse.

Learning and exploring through an imaginary environment

The Apothecary - Set in medieval times, there is a strange smoke coming from the chimney and the wizard hasn't been seen for days.

Issue-Based Drama

The Party - Simon is the only boy in his class who is not invited to Janet's party. Explores bullying.

The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty - Bullying and peer pressure.

Leaving Home - Inspired by The Beatles song.

Historical Drama

Evacuation - Exploring the experiences of evacuee children

Theatre Styles

Melodrama - Hero, Heroine, Villain, typical plots and the exaggerated style of acting – **All age groups love this one!** Students get the opportunity to rehearse and perform scripts and create their own characters (Can also tie in with History topic -The Victorians).

Literary Based Drama

Private Peaceful - A fantastic unit of work exploring extracts of the novel. Perfect for engaging boys.

Shakespeare - Macbeth, King Lear, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, Much Ado About Nothing. We believe Shakespeare is for everyone!

PERFORMING SKILLS

'Play in a Day'

One of our professional Directors will work with the students using a series of drama workshop techniques to create a performance. The students will then come together at the end of the day to perform their piece to an audience of the school's choosing;- parents, peers or wider community.

Or extend the creative experience to a **'Play in two days'**! And the theme is up to you! All of our days are designed to be enjoyable, memorable and a fun experience for all your pupils!

The school production

Would you like your school to do a big show but struggle to find staff with the time to do it? We can direct and produce your play for you as an after school club or at lunchtimes supplying everything you need. Previous productions have included;-

Oliver, Annie, The Wizard of Oz, Joseph, The Wiz, Animal Farm, West Side Story, Bugsy Malone.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Many of the examples above are aimed at Key Stage 3, however, we can also offer ideas and support for Key Stage 4. Our team is experienced in delivering both the Edexcel and AQA GCSE Drama syllabus with outstanding results.

Examples are

-  Delivery of the Six Hr workshops exploring a theme or text (Edexcel)
-  Preparation for the Scripted/Devised Performance
-  Preparation for Written responses or examination

What the schools say

"Ruby Slippers came in to work with our BTEC Performing Arts students and we were really impressed with some of their ideas and approaches to theatre making, which inspired both our students and Drama Department. I would recommend them to any High School." Miss McGrane Head of Drama Newman College

Book your workshop with us today or make an enquiry by calling **07874 141552**
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