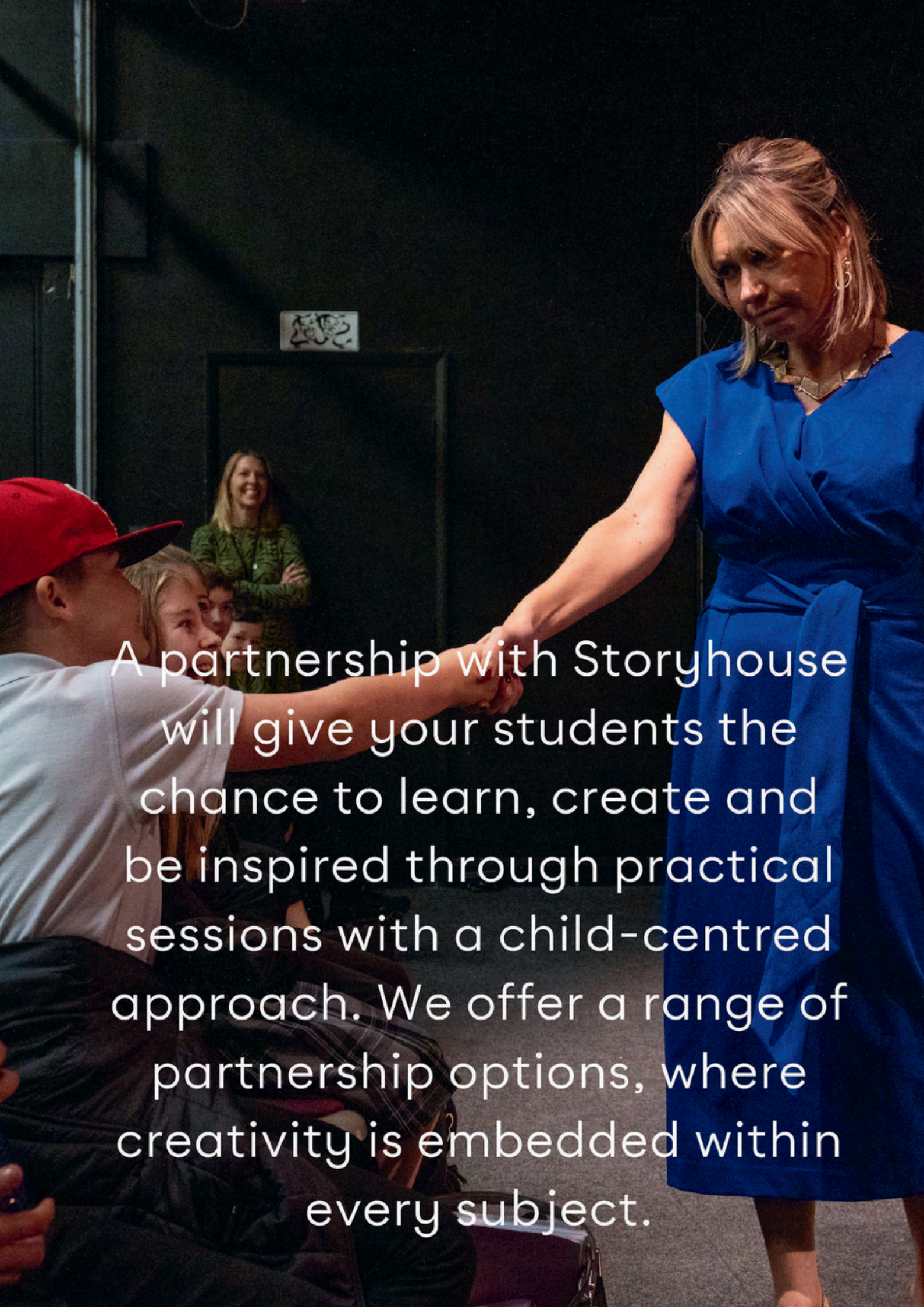




Primary Schools

Storyhouse Schools
Partnerships

STORYHOUSE

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a bright blue dress and a necklace, is shaking hands with a young boy wearing a red baseball cap and a white t-shirt. They are in a dark room, possibly a stage or a theater. In the background, another woman in a green patterned top is smiling and watching them. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

A partnership with Storyhouse will give your students the chance to learn, create and be inspired through practical sessions with a child-centred approach. We offer a range of partnership options, where creativity is embedded within every subject.



Through our approach of blending project-based learning with drama, your students explore multiple perspectives within the framework of the curriculum, challenging them to find solutions to complex problems.

Regular sessions in your school allow Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioners to work with teachers to explore the curriculum through creativity, plus give your students the opportunity to visit Storyhouse and take part in ongoing creative experiences.

We believe that every young person should have the opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, arts and culture experiences, recognising the need to develop students' transferable skills beyond academic knowledge.

Our work is influenced by the late educationalist Dorothy Heathcote, who saw the relationships between 'expert' adults and children as a collaborative endeavour.

Through creative learning experiences facilitated by Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioners, we aim to equip students with essential skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving - crucial for their personal and professional development in the future.

The Storyhouse Schools Partnership is completely not-for-profit, with all funds re-invested into the programme. Our partnerships aim to actively address barriers to participation in arts and culture to ensure inclusivity for all young people, combatting challenges such as financial constraints and lack of representation.

The Menu

The Storyhouse Schools' Workshop Menu has been carefully designed to meet the needs of your school. We've collaborated with educators across the region over the last five years to develop an extensive menu that encourages a wide range of cross-curricular learning. If you have any suggestions for projects, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Early Years Foundation Stage

Sensory Stories

- including titles such as *The Rainbow Fish*. Speak to us about the stories your students are exploring!

Superheroes

Who Am I?



Key Stage 1

Sensory Stories

- Fairy and traditional tales, inc. *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *The Gingerbreadman*, *Rapunzel*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*
- *Where the Wild Things Are*

The Great Fire of London

The Moon Landing (Astronauts)

Amazing Activists

Excellent Explorers

Sustainability

- Habitats

Superheroes

Poetry

Who Am I?

- Roles in Society
- Being a Good Friend



KS2

Geography

- Local geography
- Great Britain
- Waterways: Rivers and Canals
- The Arctic
- Habitats
- Deforestation

History

- The Ancient Egyptians
- The Ancient Greeks
- The Stone Age
- The Romans
- The Anglo-Saxons
- The Vikings
- The Victorians
- World War I
- World War II
- The Iron Age
- The Mayans

Oracy

- Delivering a Speech
- Communication Skills

The Transition Project (Y6)

Literacy

- Interactive SPaG
- Creative writing
- Exploring a Text

An Introduction to Shakespeare

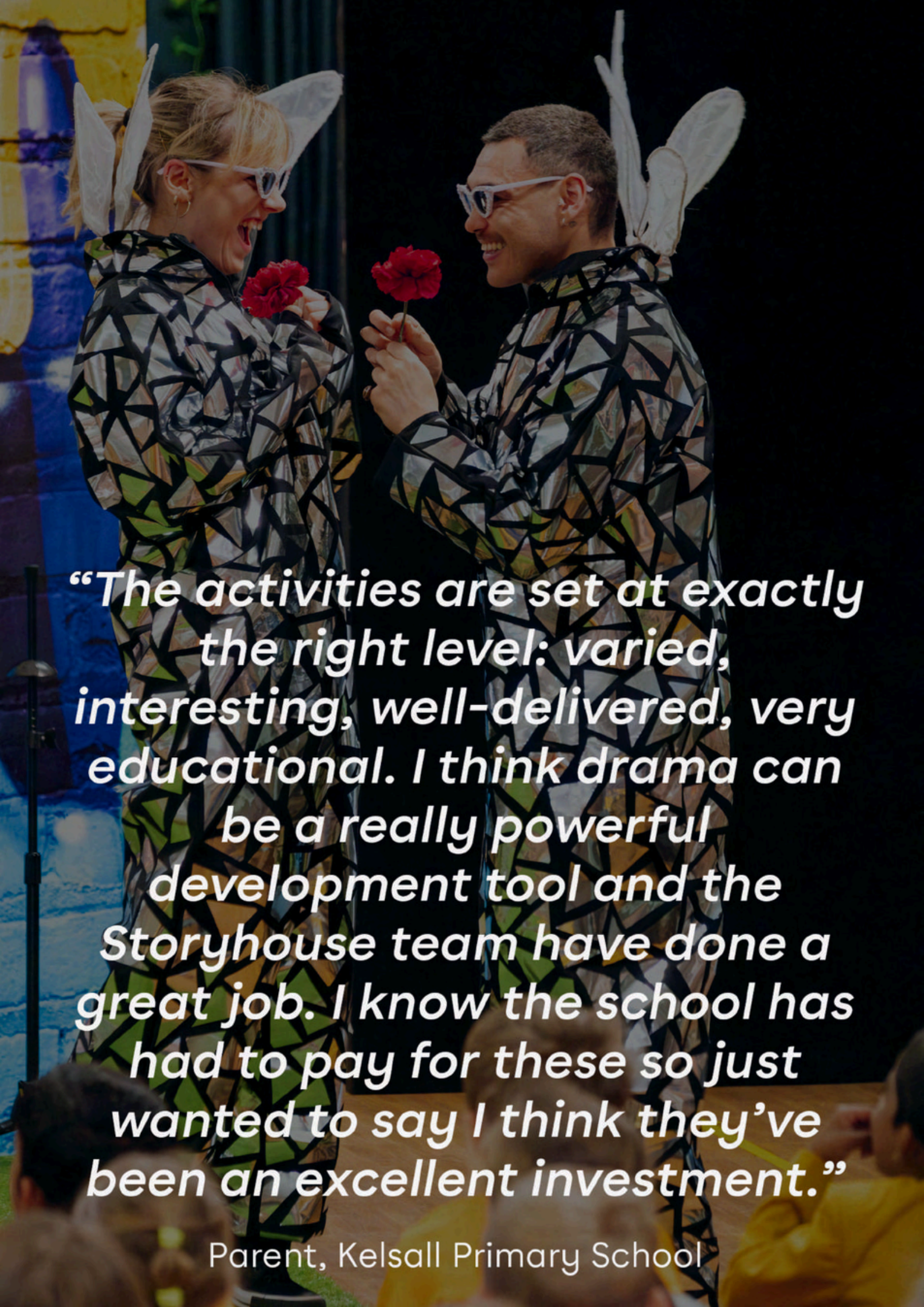
- The Tempest
- Romeo and Juliet
- A Midsummer Night's Dream

PSHE

- Resilience
- Social Justice: Stand up, Speak Out
- Anti-bullying
- Dreams and Aspirations

Menu items can be adapted for SEN School settings.

To discuss the menu and its contents in further detail, please arrange a free consultation with our Schools and Education Manager by emailing jacob.maudsley@storyhouse.com

A man and a woman are shown from the waist up, facing each other and smiling. They are wearing shiny, silver and black patterned costumes with large white wings on their backs. The woman is on the left, holding a red flower. The man is on the right, also holding a red flower. They are both wearing white-rimmed glasses. The background is dark with some colorful, abstract patterns on the left side.

“The activities are set at exactly the right level: varied, interesting, well-delivered, very educational. I think drama can be a really powerful development tool and the Storyhouse team have done a great job. I know the school has had to pay for these so just wanted to say I think they’ve been an excellent investment.”

Parent, Kelsall Primary School

How might a Schools Partnership look in your school?

We have enjoyed a wide range of experiences in school settings since the Storyhouse Schools' Programme was established and understand how each school is different. With this mind, we are keen to work with you ensure our partnership is tailored to your school timetable and curricular needs.

GOLD PACKAGE

TERM	YEAR GROUP	WORKSHOP TOPIC
Summer 1	AM - Year 4 AM 2 - Year 6 PM - Year 5	The Vikings WW1 Sustainability
Summer 2	AM - Year 2 PM - EYFS	The Great Fire of London Story Exploration
Autumn 1	AM - Year 5 AM 2 - Reception PM - Year 3	The Victorians Sensory Storytelling The Stone Age
Autumn 2	AM - Year 1 AM 2 - Year 4 PM - Year 2	Traditional Tales Oracy - Delivering A Speech Excellent Explorers
Spring 1	AM - Year 3 PM - Year 4	The Ancient Egyptians The Romans
Spring 2	AM - Year 6 PM - Year 1	The Transition Project PSHE - Who Am I?

SILVER PACKAGE

TERM	YEAR GROUP	WORKSHOP TOPIC
Summer 1	Year 4	The Vikings
Summer 2	Year 2	The Great Fire of London
Autumn 1	Year 5	The Victorians
Autumn 2	Year 1	Traditional Tales
Spring 1	Year 3	The Ancient Egyptians
Spring 2	Year 6	The Transition Project

A variety of blended techniques are used throughout the exploration of the overarching topic. From bringing Samuel Pepys' diary to life, to adding a comma after a fronted adverbial, Storyhouse Practitioners use creative techniques to further unlock the curriculum for your students. Please note, the above chart is for illustrative purposes only and can be adapted to suit the needs of your school.

“The impact of including a creative focus can be seen in the school every day. The creative arts bring joy and a sense of fulfilment to children and an enjoyable learning experience that contributes to the positive attitude towards school and learning”

School Governor, Newton Primary School



Gold Package

A Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner is based in your school for **one full day per week** across a year, working on creative learning projects with your students.

A Storyhouse Schools Partnership ensures high quality provision for a full year, where our practitioners work in your school, sharing their practice with your teachers and aiding their CPD.

We advocate for a year-long partnership because we believe in social impact through long-term engagement and growth.

- Students get priority access to bursary places for Storyhouse Youth Theatre, Young Company and half-term/summer programmes.
- Performance opportunities. Our Creative Learning team can direct your school show, film, radio drama or podcast.
- Young Storyhouse graduates, from programmes such as Young Leaders and Young Programmers, can visit your school to share their career pathways and experiences.
- All students get the opportunity to meet a Storyhouse Librarian and sign up for a Cheshire West and Chester libraries card.
- Opportunities to attend Storyhouse Cinema events as part of IntoFilm.
- Your school is invited to use the Young Storyhouse logo to promote association with Storyhouse throughout the partnership, and your schools' logo will appear on our website.
- Direct access for your teachers to our Creative Learning Team. We love to hear from you! If you have ideas that you want to discuss or plans you want to make, you have a direct line of communication with the Creative Learning Team.

£6900*

Becoming a partner school at **gold** level includes:

- **weekly provision in your school**, for a full day, where a Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner works with your teachers to develop a cohesive project inspired by the curriculum and our Storyhouse Menu.
- our **annual schools' production tour**, where a cast of professional theatre makers visit your school and perform. Previous titles include *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- up to 100 **tickets to a Storyhouse Originals production** of your choice, including our Christmas show, subject to availability.
- being a member of **Storyhouse Teacher's Network**, which meets termly at Storyhouse. The Teacher's Network gives local educators a space to come together with each other and the Young Storyhouse department, take part in creative conversations and build partnerships.
- an opportunity for your students to **perform** in the Garret Theatre.
- **3 backstage tours** at Storyhouse.
- **exclusive invitations** to Storyhouse events across the duration of the partnership. Previous benefits have included free tickets to shows at Storyhouse, free places at **Storyhouse Women Schools' Day**, sharing the stage with authors at **WayWord Festival** and exclusive workshops.
- **support for your broad and balanced curriculum**.
- **support for cultural capital**, with experiences that enhance your students' engagement with culture.
- **career insights**, providing your students with access to professionals across a wide range of professions.
- **access to a discounted rate to host your events** at Storyhouse, such as performances and awards nights.
- **special partner school discount** on all Storyhouse Originals productions.
- **opportunities to take part in Storyhouse Festivals**. Previously, partner schools have taken part in:
 - o WayWord Festival
 - o Chester Literature Festival
 - o Kaleidoscope Festival
 - o Storyhouse Women
 - o Storyhouse Climate
 - o Storyhouse Elders
 - o Storyhouse Languages

**Plus 20% for independent schools*

Silver Package

A Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner is based in your school for **one half day per week** across a year, working on creative learning projects with your students.

A Storyhouse Schools Partnership ensures high quality provision for a full year, where our practitioners work in your school, sharing their practice with your teachers and aiding their CPD.

We advocate for a year-long partnership because we believe in social impact through long-term engagement and growth.

- Students get priority access to bursary places for Storyhouse Youth Theatre, Young Company and half-term/summer programmes.
- Performance opportunities. Our Creative Learning team can direct your school show, film, radio drama or podcast.
- Young Storyhouse graduates, from programmes such as Young Leaders and Young Programmers, can visit your school to share their career pathways and experiences.
- All students get the opportunity to meet a Storyhouse Librarian and sign up for a Cheshire West and Chester libraries card.
- Opportunities to attend Storyhouse Cinema events as part of IntoFilm.
- Your school is invited to use the Young Storyhouse logo to promote association with Storyhouse throughout the partnership, and your schools' logo will appear on our website.
- Direct access for your teachers to our Creative Learning Team. We love to hear from you! If you have ideas that you want to discuss or plans you want to make, you have a direct line of communication with the Creative Learning Team.

£3800*

Becoming a partner school at silver level includes:

- **weekly provision in your school**, for up to 3 hours per week, where a Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner works with your teachers to develop a cohesive project inspired by the curriculum and our Storyhouse Menu.
- a discounted price and priority booking for our **annual schools' production tour**, where a cast of professional theatre makers visit your school and perform. Previous titles include *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- up to 50 tickets to a Storyhouse Originals production of your choice, including our Christmas show, subject to availability.
- being a member of **Storyhouse Teacher's Network**, which meets termly at Storyhouse. The Teacher's Network gives local educators a space to come together with each other and the Young Storyhouse department, take part in creative conversations and build partnerships.
- **2 backstage tours** at Storyhouse.
- **exclusive invitations** to Storyhouse events across the duration of the partnership. Previous benefits have included free tickets to shows at Storyhouse, free places at **Storyhouse Women Schools' Day**, sharing the stage with authors at **WayWord Festival** and exclusive workshops.
- **support for your broad and balanced curriculum**.
- **support for cultural capital**, with experiences that enhance your students' engagement with culture.
- **career insights**, providing your students with access to professionals across a wide range of professions.
- **access to a discounted rate to host your events** at Storyhouse, such as performances and awards nights.
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Bronze Package

Our Creative Learning Practitioners facilitate projects and/or workshops to support your needs on a term-by-term basis.

Choose from the Storyhouse Menu.

Your bronze package could be delivered as a 6-week project or as smaller, mini projects, depending on your school's requirements. Speak to us for more details and to create a bespoke package.

- Students get priority access to bursary places for Storyhouse Youth Theatre, Young Company and half-term/summer programmes.
- Performance opportunities. Our Creative Learning team can direct your school show, film, radio drama or podcast.
- Young Storyhouse graduates, from programmes such as Young Leaders and Young Programmers, can visit your school to share their career pathways and experiences.
- All students get the opportunity to meet a Storyhouse Librarian and sign up for a Cheshire West and Chester libraries card.
- Opportunities to attend Storyhouse Cinema events as part of IntoFilm.
- Your school is invited to use the Young Storyhouse logo to promote association with Storyhouse throughout the partnership, and your schools' logo will appear on our website.
- Direct access for your teachers to our Creative Learning Team. We love to hear from you! If you have ideas that you want to discuss or plans you want to make, you have a direct line of communication with the Creative Learning Team.

£1800*

Becoming a partner school at **bronze** level includes:

- 6 half-day workshops over the course of a school term
- a discounted price and priority booking for our **annual schools' production tour**, where a cast of professional theatre makers visit your school and perform. Previous titles include *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- up to 30 tickets to a Storyhouse Originals production of your choice, including our Christmas show, subject to availability.
- being a member of **Storyhouse Teacher's Network**, which meets termly at Storyhouse. The Teacher's Network gives local educators a space to come together with each other and the Young Storyhouse department, take part in creative conversations and build partnerships.
- 1 **backstage tour** at Storyhouse.
- **exclusive invitations** to Storyhouse events across the duration of the partnership. Previous benefits have included free tickets to shows at Storyhouse, free places at **Storyhouse Women Schools' Day**, sharing the stage with authors at **WayWord Festival** and exclusive workshops.
- **support for your broad and balanced curriculum.**
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Storyhouse Schools Partnerships

The Packages

gold package

- ✓ A Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner in your school one full day per week for the whole year
- ✓ Storyhouse's Schools Production will tour to your school
- ✓ 100 tickets to a Storyhouse show of your choice
- ✓ 3 backstage tours of Storyhouse
- ✓ Support for your curriculum and cultural capital
- ✓ Career insights from professionals for students
- ✓ Exclusive invitations to events, discounted tickets and discounted space hire
- ✓ Take part in Storyhouse Festivals
- ✓ Become a member of Storyhouse's Teachers' Network
- ✓ One performance on the Storyhouse stage in the Garret Theatre.

£6900

silver package


- ✓ A Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner in your school one half day per week for the whole year
- ✓ Discounted price for Storyhouse's Schools Production to tour to your school
- ✓ 50 tickets to a Storyhouse show of your choice
- ✓ 2 backstage tours of Storyhouse
- ✓ Support for your curriculum and cultural capital
- ✓ Career insights from professionals for students
- ✓ Exclusive invitations to events, discounted tickets and discounted space hire
- ✓ Take part in Storyhouse Festivals
- ✓ Become a member of Storyhouse's Teachers' Network

£3800



Gold+ and Silver+

Speak to us about a **gold+** and **silver+** level partnerships, which enable us to collaborate further with your teachers in designing bespoke work that meets your curricular and/or extra-curricular needs. The bespoke **gold+** and **silver+** options factor in more time for the Creative Learning Practitioner to meet with staff, plan and resource their sessions.



“To see just how engaged and blown away our students were was such a delight. These sessions are exactly what our young people need.”

Teacher, St. David's High School

CASE STUDY



The Rainforest Project

By taking a creative approach in engaging young people with some of the most pressing issues that face our planet, students will have the opportunity to expand on their awareness around the issues and challenges that face us and our planet, providing them with the creative skills and tools to make a difference by encouraging them to find and use their voice.

This KS2 sustainability project can be delivered in your school within the framework of our partnership. Over a half-term, students will be tasked with becoming scientific explorers via a project that blends science, geography, history and English.

At the beginning of the project, students are introduced to a thriving rainforest. They explore its ecosystem and learn which creatures call it home. After establishing knowledge on a variety of habitats, we hear a sound in the distance: chainsaws.

The beautiful rainforest is destroyed, and the students are tasked with planning and delivering a trip to the Amazon to recultivate it.

How will we get there?
What will need to take with us?
When we arrive, what's next?

Week	
1	Rainforest Exploration What does a thriving rainforest look like? Themes: scientific discoveries, habitats
2	Planning the Trip to the Amazon What do we need to take with us? Themes: negotiation, communication, compromise
3	Setting Up Camp Now we've arrived, where should we set up our camp? Themes: negotiation
4	Restoration What conditions are required to regenerate the rainforest? Themes: scientific discoveries
5	Consolidation Our efforts are working, but which protective measures should we take to ensure this remains the case? Themes: climate change, activism
6	Legacy After returning home, we need to ensure that our hard work isn't undone. How could we ensure the rainforest is protected? Themes: activism

CASE STUDY

The Storyhouse Schools' Tour



The annual Schools' Tour has proven to be a key tool in how we have actively addressed barriers to participation in arts and culture, ensuring inclusivity for all young people.

A significant barrier we have encountered is financial constraints that could prevent some students and their families from accessing cultural experiences. In an attempt overcome this, the Storyhouse Schools Tour began in 2022 with the highly successful production of *Romeo and Juliet*, visiting 12 schools across the region. We returned in 2023 with 23 performances of the even more popular *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The Schools' Tour productions are created specifically for young people. *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* were abridged re-tellings of Shakespeare's classic tales and offered a fantastic opportunity to introduce young people to Shakespeare. Accompanying workshops are available, and a deep-dive exploration can be incorporated into your gold or silver partnership with Storyhouse.

In 2023, we offered a ticket code to schools who booked the tour to share with their families. The code allowed recipients to book free tickets to the homecoming performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on the main stage at Storyhouse, which was scheduled just after the run in schools. We were delighted to see such a wonderful uptake, with over half of the capacity audience coming from parents/carers and their children who used the code.

The Schools' Tour is part of WayWord Festival, which celebrates the power of words to ignite imaginations. Through Storyhouse School Partnerships, students have had the opportunity to study the work of some of our guest authors, such as Benjamin Zephaniah, Jacqueline Wilson, Julian Clary and Greg Jenner.

Students went on to meet the authors before introducing them for their events on the main stage.

The Schools' Tour will be returning for the next academic year. Watch this space for details and ensure your slot by becoming a partner school! **Gold** schools receive the tour as part of their package, and **silver** schools get priority booking and access to a discounted rate of £300 per performance (usually £500 + VAT).





The Storyhouse Experiences

£500*

THE CAREERS EXPERIENCE: PERFORMANCE

The Careers Experience: Performance delves into both the performance and production side of theatre.

Students will work with an arts professional to devise and develop their own piece of theatre, design a lighting and sound plan, and perform in a professional setting at Storyhouse – all within a school day! Performances will be held in the Garret Theatre, The Atrium, Studio by Storyhouse or on the main stage.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE

In *The Environmental Experience*, students become environmentalists and explorers, tasked with identifying and resolving problems.

Our once thriving rainforest has become a victim of deforestation. What does this mean for the creatures within it? What impact does it have on us? How can we help? Your mission is to regenerate the rainforest using teamwork, planning and problem-solving. This is a shortened version of the 6-week Rainforest Project featured as a case study earlier in this document.

THE CAREERS EXPERIENCE: EVENTS

The Careers Experience: Events explores the Storyhouse building and those who work within it – from the HR department to finance, chefs, technicians and more – and features a backstage tour!

This experience is an opportunity to introduce your students to the vast array of jobs that make a cultural hub such as Storyhouse function, culminating in the young people planning an event and pitching their plan to a panel of professionals.

The Careers Experience: Events can be tailored to focus on the aspects of an event you have in mind.

THE SHAKESPEARE EXPERIENCE

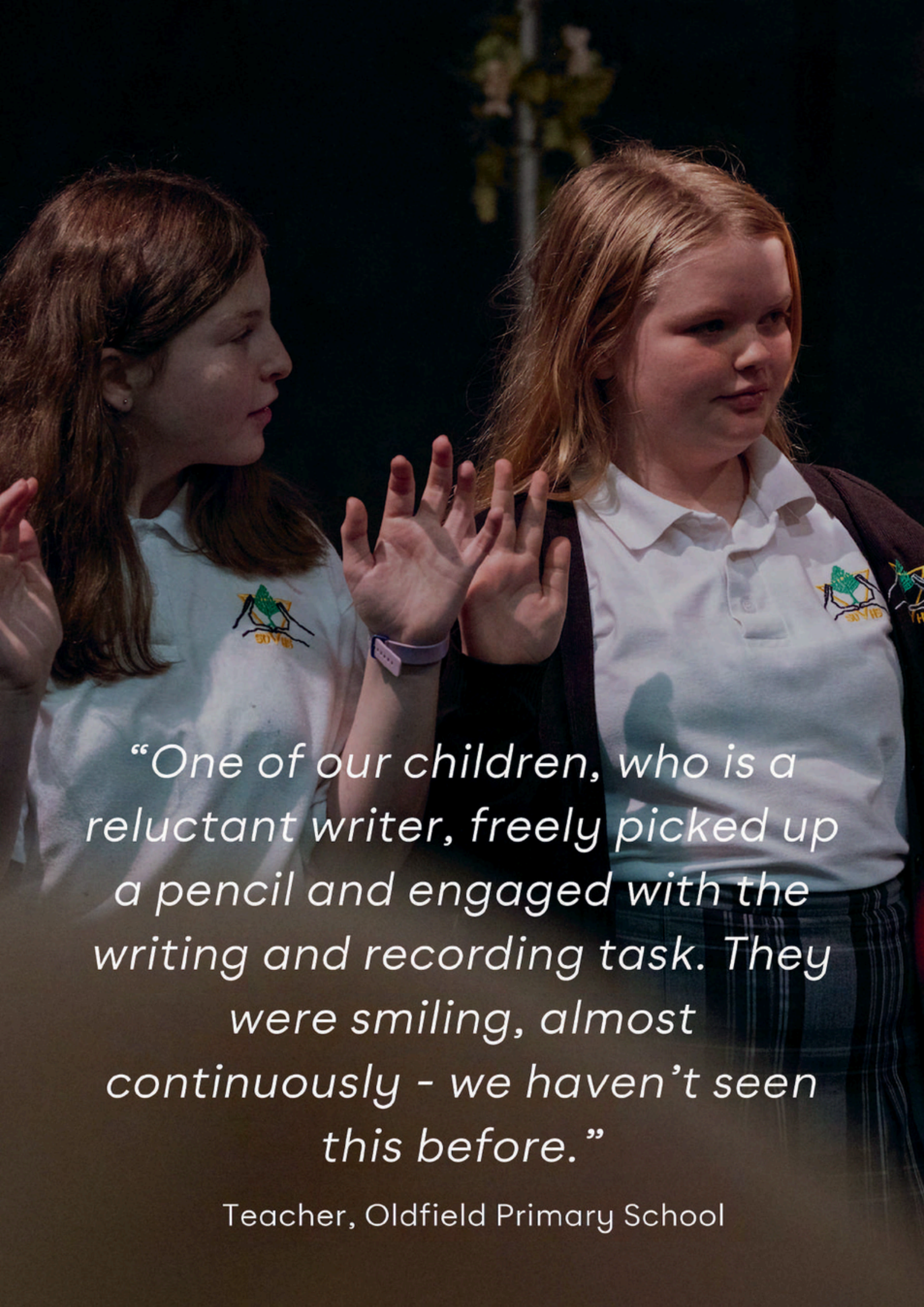
The Shakespeare Experience sees young people explore the themes, characters, plot and language of the Bard's work.

We approach the texts creatively, encouraging your pupils to work on their feet and speak the words out loud with the aim of unlocking Shakespeare's language in a practical way.

The Shakespeare Experience can be tailored to your schools' requirements. Titles on offer: *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Tempest*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Can't see the title you're after? Let us know!

The Storyhouse Experiences are generally held in the Storyhouse building, subject to availability, but speak to us if you'd prefer to host us in your school!

* Prices are not inclusive of VAT. Additional charge of 20% for independent schools.

Two young girls in school uniforms are shown from the chest up, clapping their hands. They are wearing white polo shirts with a school crest on the left chest. The girl on the right is also wearing a dark brown cardigan. The background is dark and out of focus.

“One of our children, who is a reluctant writer, freely picked up a pencil and engaged with the writing and recording task. They were smiling, almost continuously - we haven’t seen this before.”

Teacher, Oldfield Primary School

Mini Package

£500*

Our Creative Learning Practitioners deliver a full-day workshop in your school or at Storyhouse.

We advocate for a year-long partnership because we believe in social impact through long-term engagement and growth. A mini package is a great way to work with our Creative Learning Practitioners on a one-off basis, to get a flavour of the work we do before committing to a long-term partnership. We know that there are times when schools want to book a one-off activity or workshop to enhance your learning programme - we understand and can facilitate this!

Examples of previous mini-packages

Themed workshop day. Previously, we have delivered:

- o An Introduction to Shakespeare
- o Anti-bullying workshops
- o Careers workshops
- o World Book Day
- o Play in a Day
- o Set texts/topics explorations

CPD for teachers - either as a full-day workshop or one a one-to-one basis during lesson planning.

Arts Award projects - where students gain an arts qualification. We can deliver Arts Award Discover or an element of the students' Arts Award journey.**

The Storyhouse Experiences (Shakespeare, Environmental, Careers). Further information about The Storyhouse Experiences can be found earlier in the brochure.

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*** Additional fees for certificates.*

The Storyhouse Schools' Festival

NEW FOR 2024/2025

An exciting new development for 2024/25, the inaugural Storyhouse Schools' Festival gives your students the opportunity to perform on the Storyhouse main stage!

Signing up for the Schools Festival will see your school receive 3 pre-festival workshops, where your students and staff work with a Creative Learning Practitioner on developing the piece, plus 1 planning CPD workshop for teachers in your school.



£1500

The Storyhouse Schools' Festival is an immersive theatrical experience, where young people work on performance skills whilst also becoming familiar with backstage elements such as lighting and sound.

Schools investing at **gold** or **silver** level can add The Storyhouse Schools' Festival to their package at the discounted rate of £800.

Dates: 1-2 July 2025

For a bespoke Schools Festival package, please contact jacob.maudsley@storyhouse.com to discuss a schedule and price.

“I loved coming up with our own words because it’s not like someone just telling you the story, you actually get up and do it”

Student, Grosvenor Park Primary Academy



“Having an expert on site is fundamental in promoting arts and culture in our school.”

Student, Grosvenor Park Primary Academy





We want to hear from you!

We love discussing creativity and all things education with teachers. We'd be more than happy to spend time talking to you, your team, school governors and/or PTA about what we can achieve together.

Speak to us about our bespoke offer for trusts with more than one school interested in becoming a Storyhouse partner, where your trust receives exclusive access to one of our Creative Learning Practitioners.

To book a FREE consultation with Storyhouse's Schools and Education Manager Jacob, please email jacob.maudsley@storyhouse.com

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