

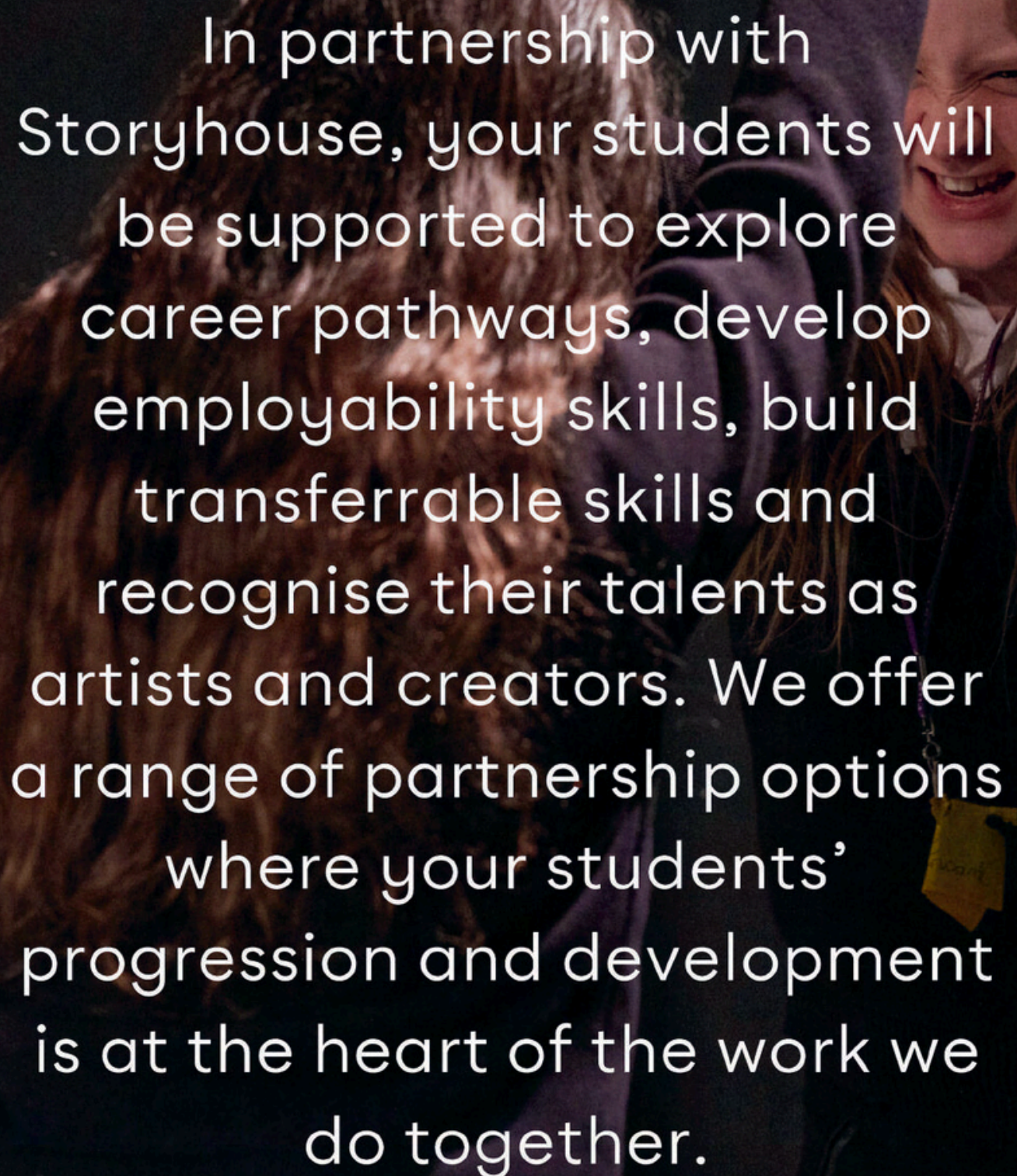
Secondary Schools

Storyhouse Schools

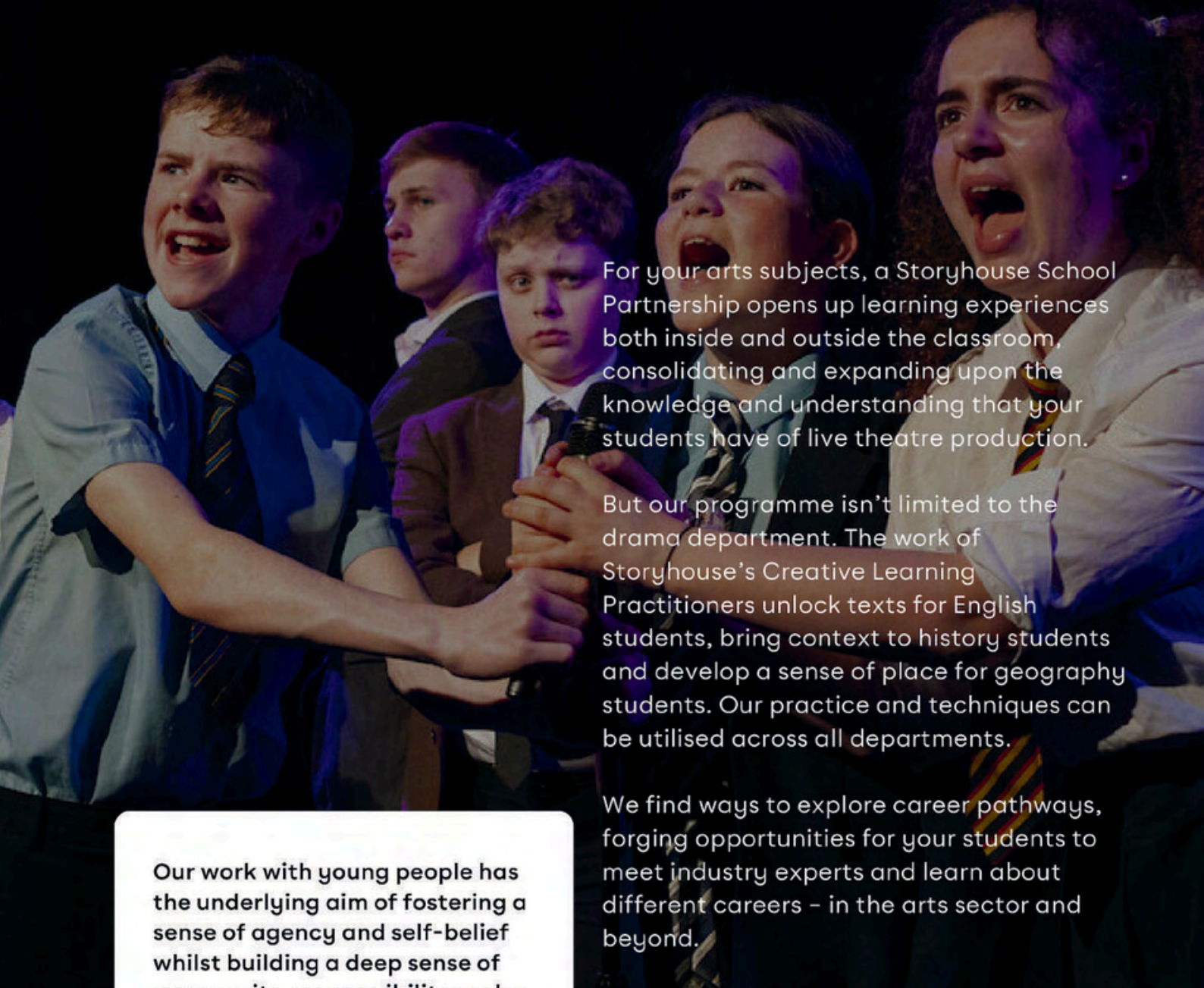
Partnerships



STORYHOUSE

A photograph of two young women with their hands raised in a celebratory gesture. The woman on the right is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She is wearing a dark purple sweater and a yellow lanyard with a tag. The woman on the left has long, dark, curly hair and is also wearing a dark purple sweater. The background is dark and out of focus.

In partnership with Storyhouse, your students will be supported to explore career pathways, develop employability skills, build transferrable skills and recognise their talents as artists and creators. We offer a range of partnership options where your students' progression and development is at the heart of the work we do together.



Our work with young people has the underlying aim of fostering a sense of agency and self-belief whilst building a deep sense of community, responsibility and a desire to be of service.

We place young people into real-world, authentic contexts in which they can develop the leadership and practical skills needed to see a project through, from conception to reality.

At the heart of our work sits the empowering nature of story – either the story of the fictional world, or the stories we create through our lived experiences. To this end, the work young people do with Storyhouse is seriously playful – it is purposeful, joyful, collaborative, active and iterative.

For your arts subjects, a Storyhouse School Partnership opens up learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom, consolidating and expanding upon the knowledge and understanding that your students have of live theatre production.

But our programme isn't limited to the drama department. The work of Storyhouse's Creative Learning Practitioners unlock texts for English students, bring context to history students and develop a sense of place for geography students. Our practice and techniques can be utilised across all departments.

We find ways to explore career pathways, forging opportunities for your students to meet industry experts and learn about different careers – in the arts sector and beyond.

Storyhouse Schools Partnerships are completely not-for-profit, with all funds re-invested in the programme. 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.

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 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.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

- The Rehearsal Room
- Theatre Roles
- Physical Theatre
- Scriptwriting
- Characterisation
- Character Interpretation
- Set Design
- Costume Design
- Lighting Design
- Puppetry
- Devising
- Podcasts
- Film



OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Key Stage 3

English

Exploring a Text

Titles include A Christmas Carol, Animal Farm, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Frankenstein, Lord of the Flies

An Introduction to Shakespeare

Titles include Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, Much Ado About Nothing

A Deep Dive into Shakespeare

Titles include Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, Much Ado About Nothing

- Performance Poetry
- Debates
- Oracy and Speech Delivery
- Accent and Dialect

Geography

- Sustainability
- Rivers
- Coasts

History

- King John and the Magna Carta
- The Great Fire of London
- The Victorians
- The Industrial Revolution
- The Suffragettes
- WWI
- How Did WWI start?
- Letters to the Front
- WWII
- How did WWII start?
- The Treaty of Versailles
- The League of Nations: Abyssinia Crisis

Science

- Habitats and Ecosystems
- Climate Change and Sustainability

RE

- Leadership
- Morality

PSHE

- Community and Belonging
- Anti-Bullying
- Consent
- Careers
- The Storyhouse Experience: Events
- The Storyhouse Experience: Performance
- Life Skills: Money Management



OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Key Stage 4

English Literature

Shakespeare

Titles include Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, Much Ado About Nothing

19th Century Prose

Titles include A Christmas Carol, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Frankenstein, Great Expectations, Jane Eyre, The Sign of Four

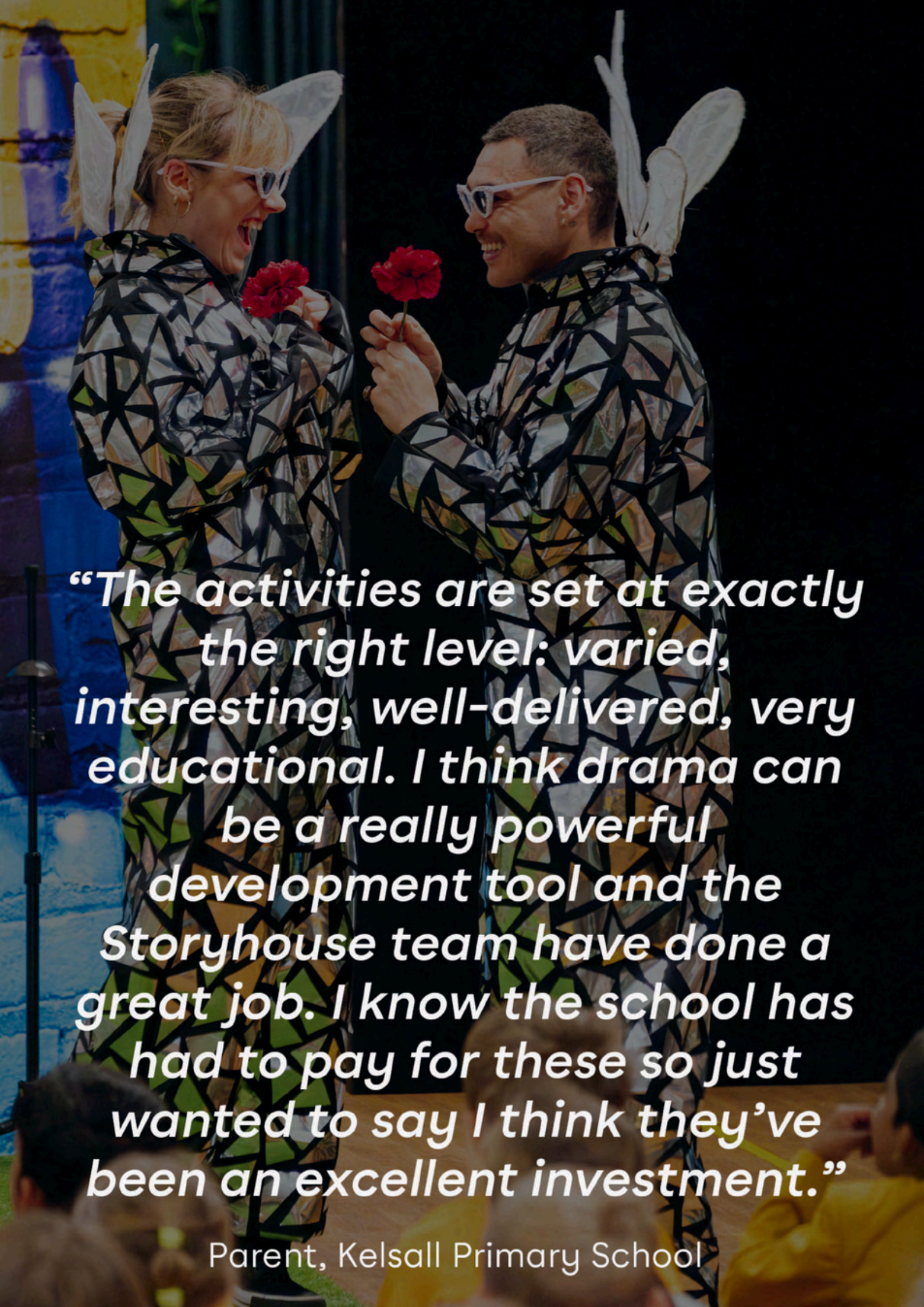
Post 1914 Prose / Drama

Titles include An Inspector Calls, The Curious incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Blood Brothers, History Boys, Lord of the Flies, The Woman in Black

Performance Poetry

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, and 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	DEPARTMENT
Summer 1	AM - Performing Arts PM - Geography
Summer 2	AM - History PM - English
Autumn 1	AM - Performing Arts PM - Music
Autumn 2	AM - Performing Arts PM - Biology
Spring 1	AM - Performing Arts PM - RE
Spring 2	AM - Performing Arts PM - PSHE

“Our partnership with Storyhouse has opened up many opportunities which have enriched our curriculum offer for Drama and the Performing Arts. Our students have performed in the Garrett Theatre, in The Atrium, and are rehearsing for our next production which will be on the main stage, opening up learning experiences outside the classroom and embedding knowledge and understanding of live theatre production. Practitioner based projects support KS4 study of the industry which supports students both in school and at Storyhouse.”

Head of Performing Arts, Blacon High 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.
- **the opportunity to perform** on the Storyhouse stage 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

*Additional charge of 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*.
- 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.
- **the opportunity to perform** on the Storyhouse stage in the Garret Theatre.
- **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.
- **special partner school discount** on all Storyhouse Originals productions.
- **opportunities to take part in Storyhouse Festivals**. Previously, partner schools have taken part in:
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Bronze Package

A Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner 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.
- up to 30 tickets to a Storyhouse Originals production of your choice, including our Christmas show, subject to availability.
- 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*.
- 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 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:
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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 Teacher's Network
- ✓ 1 opportunity for your students to perform in the Garret Theatre

£6900

silver package

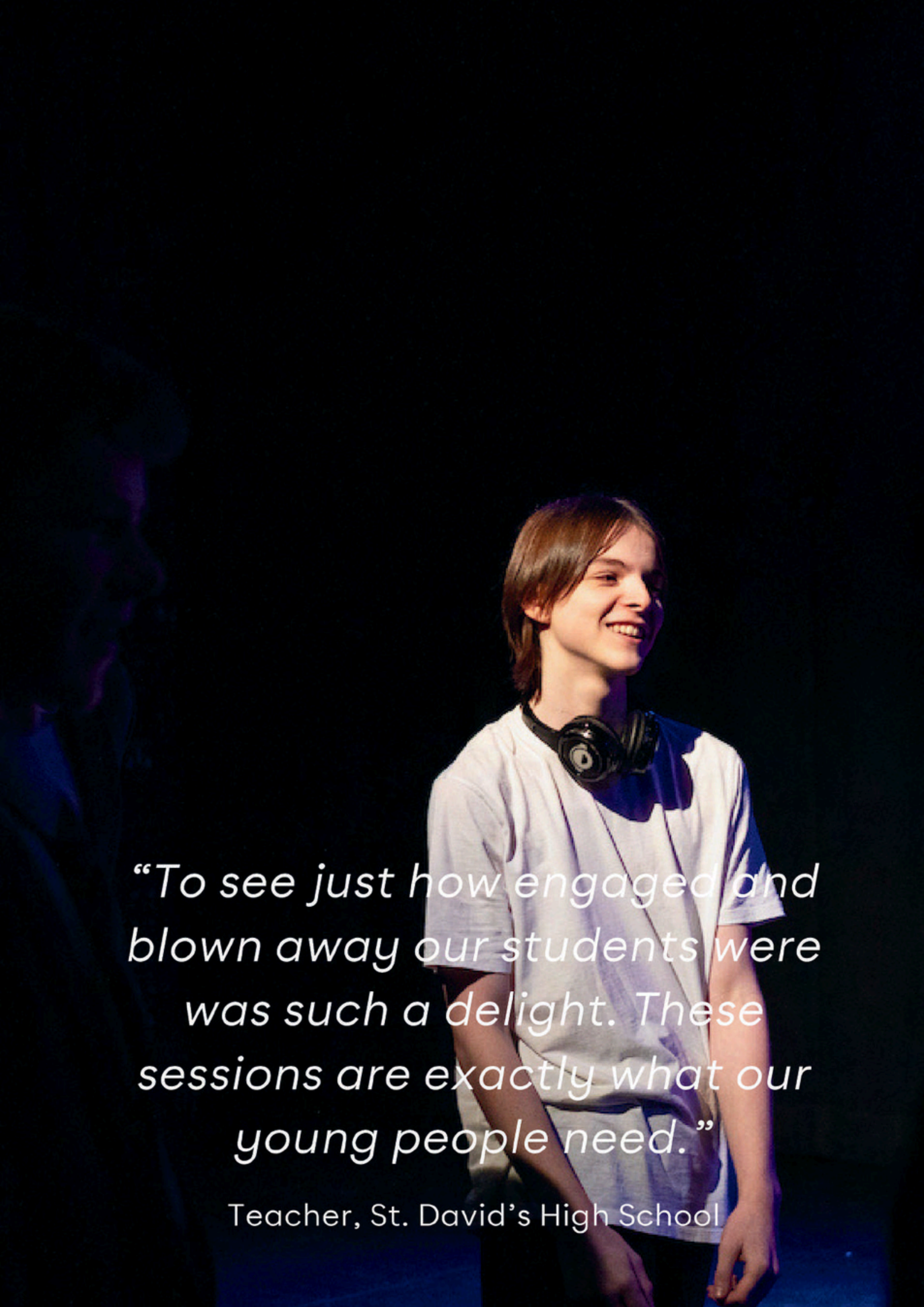
- ✓ A Storyhouse Creative Learning Practitioner in your school one half day per week for the whole year
- ✓ Discounted price (£300) for Storyhouse's Schools Production to tour to your school
- ✓ 50 tickets to a Storyhouse show of your choice
- ✓ 1 backstage tour of Storyhouse
- ✓ Support for your curriculum 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 Teacher's 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.

A young man with short brown hair is smiling and looking to his right. He is wearing a white t-shirt and large black headphones around his neck. The background is dark with some blue lighting on the left side.

“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 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, to chefs, to technicians – 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

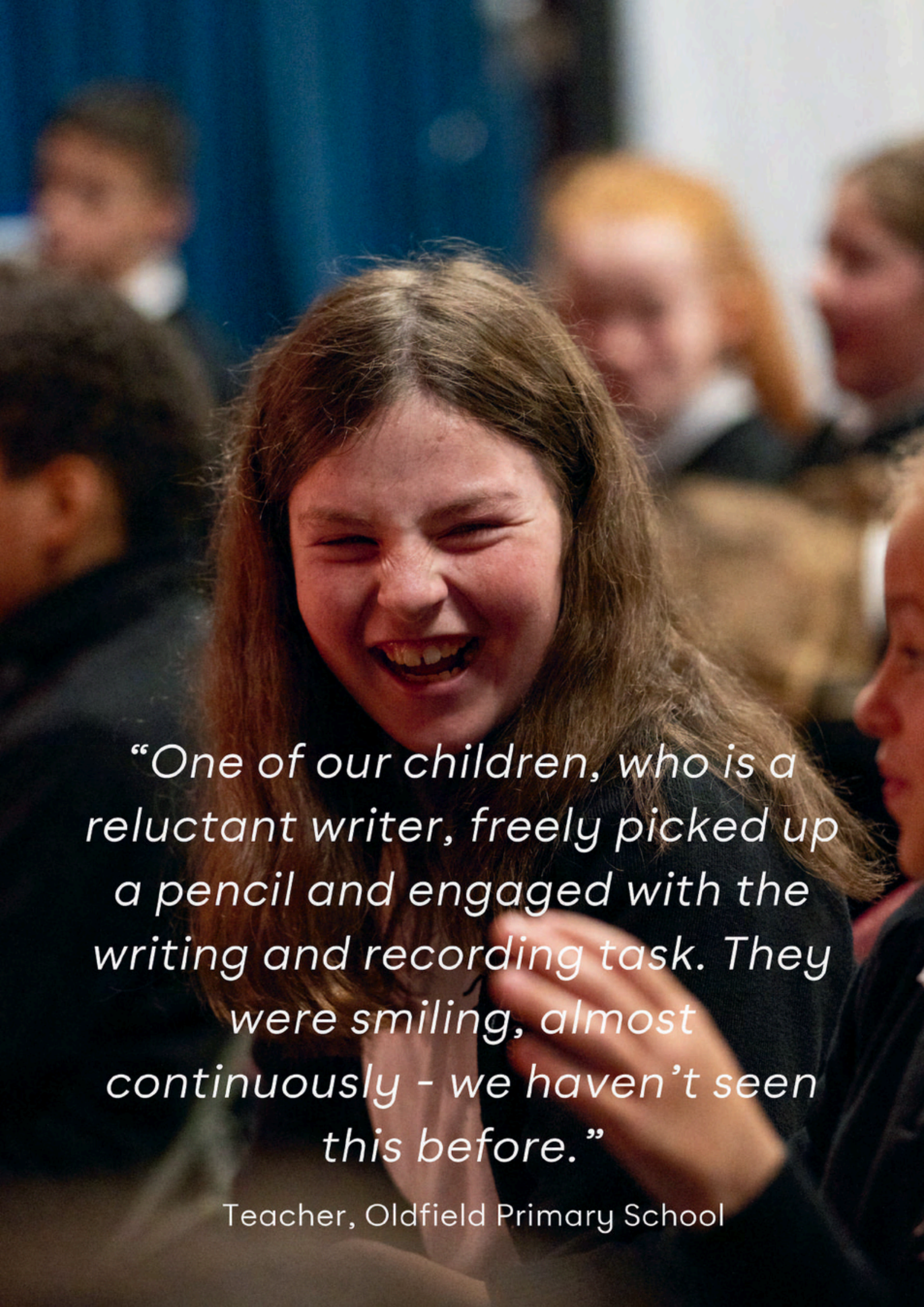
The Shakespeare Experience sees young people explore the themes, characters, plot and language of the Bard's work.

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.

A young girl with long, wavy brown hair is laughing heartily, her eyes squeezed shut and her mouth wide open in a joyful expression. She is wearing a dark blue or black top. In the background, other children are visible but out of focus, suggesting a classroom or school event. The lighting is warm and indoor.

“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 A Deep Dive into Shakespeare
- o Careers workshops
- o Oracy
- o Play in a Day
- o Set texts/topics explorations
- o The League of Nations: Crisis Talks

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 on a previous page of 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.



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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