



School & College Days



Royal Exchange Theatre will be presenting Tanika Gupta's **Great Expectations** in partnership with Tamasha Theatre. **Great Expectations** will run from **8 September - 7 October**. This is followed by **Romeo and Juliet** and will run from **21 October - 19 November**. During each run we will be hosting a special day exclusive to just schools and colleges. This will include a full day of activities such as workshops, watching the show, cast Q&A's and more! These will be on **26 September and 7 November, between 9:30 - 17:30 with a 13:30 show time.**

What Will The Days Include?

We will be welcoming various schools and colleges from around the country, as we host a full day of activities within the theatre. In the morning we will be bringing everyone together in the main theatre space to do a workshop with some of the cast and creatives. Next your students will learn about all the wonderful careers in the arts available to them, from costume, make up, lighting, sound and more through workshops and demonstrations. In the Great Hall there will also be a live resource pack of the shows, with costumes on display, production shots, information and more. Then we will all come back together to watch the show, followed by an exclusive Q&A with the cast and creatives.

This is the first time we are offering a day like this and we are really looking forward to welcoming you to special day of events. Each day will be between 9:30 - 17:30 with a 13:30 show time.



Pricing

Full Day - £20 per ticket

Show and Q&A only - £15 per ticket

1x free teacher ticket per 15 students

Capped at 30 tickets per school

Schools & Colleges in our Local Exchange Areas can request free tickets, subject to availability. Other Schools & Colleges who require financial assistance can apply for support with tickets and transport via our Arts Pot scheme, more information and criteria in form.

Timeline

3 July - Booking form request deadline

17 July - We will confirm your school or colleges places on the event/s by this date

15 August - Great Expectations reservation deadline - please ensure you confirm final numbers and any access requirements by this date (we understand this is summer holidays so try to confirm before or as soon as you're back in the autumn)

5 September - Great Expectations payment deadline

26 September - Romeo & Juliet reservation deadline

17 October - Romeo & Juliet payment deadline

Important

Please note that the booking request form only registers your interest in the event and does not confirm your attendance. We are expecting a high volume of interest for these days, so please be quick confirming your interest. If your school or college has been successful your tickets and attendance will be confirmed with an email from the Royal Exchange, after the 3 July deadline.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens, adapted by Tanika Gupta, Directed by Pooja Ghai

8 September 2023 – 7 October 2023

'All my life they looked down on me, always cursing and abusing. But you, you will be different!' Bengal, 1903. Rumours that the British Empire plans to partition Bengal spread and uncertainty is never far away. For one Indian boy destiny is found on the banks of the River Padma before the Goddess Lakshmi. Here a promise is made. Born out of terror or kindness the choice Pipli makes that night will shape his life forever. Pooja Ghai directs Tanika Gupta's adaption of Charles Dickens' Great Expectations. Pipli moves from his home in Rajshahi to the bustling streets of Calcutta. With an open heart he navigates unforgiving darkness and unsettling friendships in his search for a better future. For Pipli, dharma – the right way of living, is never far away.

Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare, Directed by Nicholai La Barrie

20 October 2023 – 18 November 2023

'Love is heavy and light, bright and dark, hot and cold, sick and healthy, asleep and awake- its everything except what it is!' In a hostile city two rival families flood the streets with cruel, uncontrollable violence, yet it takes just a single spark to rewire the world forever. A reckless, impulsive, boundary-crossing instant can send shockwaves through everything you know. You are seduced, soaring high above the hate and the fury - you're dancing to a new refrain and the chemistry is awesome. You're willing to risk it all! It's perfection. Just as quickly it burns out. Theatre and film director Nicholai La Barrie makes his Royal Exchange Theatre debut with this fiery retelling of Shakespeare's tragic love story. This contemporary version of Romeo & Juliet is a love-letter to Manchester, a celebration of youth, love and aspiration. A vision of hope in troubled times.

