

# THE YEAR 7 PROJECT



***‘The project really allowed them to develop the ability to communicate ideas, to think about and understand situations that came from the story, to develop stronger team working skills and take lots of creative control.’*** Teacher

Starting Year 7 is an exciting and challenging time for students. **THE YEAR 7 PROJECT** takes place in the autumn of 2018 and is designed to give the whole year group a shared experience of watching and exploring a play together in their first term.

The project is only **£7.50 per student** and includes tickets to see the show ***Philip Pullman’s Grimm Tales***, an accompanying six-week scheme of work and a teacher CPD training session at the Unicorn.

## **PHILIP PULLMAN’S GRIMM TALES ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS...**

A most delicious selection of Philip Pullman’s favourite fairytales by the Brothers Grimm, re-told and re-worked for this Christmas.

Enter a world of powerful witches, enchanted forest creatures, careless parents and fearless children as they embark on adventures full of magic, gore, friendship, and bravery.

But beware, these gleefully dark and much-loved tales won’t be quite what you expect...



## **THE SCHEME OF LEARNING**

The six-week scheme of learning is designed to be useful to Drama teachers and non-Drama specialists running the Year 7 Project as part of their English or PSHE curriculum. Each session’s activities will engage students with the content of the production and create a meaningful context for learning, allowing them to explore their own thoughts and feelings in relation to the play and share these with their peers.

Activities will promote collaborative working, asking students to work together to create their own drama and theatre responses to the stimuli, building in the key Drama skills and conventions used at Key Stage 3, including:

**Group discussion, text work, still image, simple devising, marking the moment, physical theatre, under-scoring, ensemble and chorus work, character moulding, teacher in-role and sharing and responding.**

***‘The project allows them to go full circle - they are able to see their own work in the drama they see at the theatre, and then come back and use the show to inspire their work further.’***

Teacher

***‘The lesson plans were very relevant to the production and helped with the students understanding of character, themes and plot.’***

Teacher



## TRANSITION FOCUS

The scheme of learning will support transition through:

- Increase students' confidence, self-expression and self-esteem.
- Build positive relationships between peers through creative group work and collaboration.
- Develop emotional empathy and the ability to think and interpret from multiple perspectives.
- Develop core drama skills.
- Develop literacy and communication skills and provide meaningful opportunities for speaking, listening and reflection.
- Promote inclusive practice and allow students to explore difference in a safe and supportive context.
- Encourage imaginative engagement and provide space for students' own creative responses.
- Develop students' capacity to engage with the play in an active, self-reflective way and become confident and articulate theatregoers.

As much of the work will be practical, a hall or studio space is ideal, however many activities can be adapted for a classroom setting if necessary. The theatre visit is best placed towards the end of the scheme of work.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The teacher CPD training session is **WED 10 OCT, 4.30-7PM.**

Participating schools must be able to commit to sending at least one teacher to this session.

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Tue 13 Nov, 1pm  
Wed 14 Nov, 11am  
Fri 16 Nov, 10.30am  
Tue 20 Nov, 1pm / 7pm  
Wed 21 Nov, 1pm  
Thu 22 Nov, 11am  
Fri 23 Nov, 11am  
Tue 27 Nov, 11am  
Wed 28 Nov, 11am  
Thu 29 Nov, 10.30am / 2.30pm  
Fri 30 Nov, 10.30am  
Tue 4 Dec, 11am  
Wed 5 Dec, 11am

Thu 6 Dec, 10.30am / 2.30pm  
Fri 7 Dec, 11am [relaxed performance]  
Tue 11 Dec, 11am  
Wed 12 Dec, 11am  
Thu 13 Dec, 10.30am / 2.30pm  
Fri 14 Dec, 10.30am  
Tue 18 Dec, 11am  
Wed 19 Dec, 11am  
Thu 20 Dec, 10.30am / 2.30pm

**Duration:**  
Approx 1 hr 15 mins (incl. interval)

### COST

**£7.50 per student for state schools or £10 per student for independent schools** (with one teacher free per 10 tickets booked).

Includes show tickets, places on the teacher CPD session, access to the scheme of work and support from the Unicorn Learning team.

**To book or for more information, please contact our Schools' Relationships Assistant, Frey Kwa Hawking, on [schools@unicorntheatre.com](mailto:schools@unicorntheatre.com) / 020 7645 0560. If you are interested in booking but face financial or other barriers, please contact us to see if we can support your school to participate.**

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