



As part of our Lead Associate School status, we have established a robust partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and the Alhambra Theatre, fostering collaboration within our school cluster across Bradford and Skipton. This partnership allows our students to engage deeply with the arts, developing essential skills and getting invaluable experiences.

Our partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and the Alhambra Theatre provides our students with a range of enriching initiatives and opportunities. Through training sessions focused on workshop leadership, students collaborate with primary and secondary school teachers, actively delivering workshops in our cluster schools that culminate in the Playmaker Festival performance at St George's Hall. The RSC serves as our employer sponsor for the Ambition Hub project, while our Student Ambassador Program offers further training and representation for learners. Regular feedback from both the Alhambra and RSC enhances the learning experience, complemented by workshops on resilience and confidence. Additionally, students gain real-world experience through backstage shadowing roles in productions like "Matilda," and they have access to reduced and free tickets for RSC performances, allowing them to engage with high-quality theatre and inspire their artistic pursuits.

### **Strengths**

#### **Comprehensive Skill Development**

The initiative emphasizes not only performance skills but also workshop leadership and soft skills through resilience training and masterclasses.

#### **Community Engagement**

By working with primary and secondary schools, our students contribute to the local arts ecosystem and inspire younger generations.

#### **Industry Connection**

The partnership with renowned organizations like the RSC and Alhambra Theatre provides students with invaluable networking opportunities and insights into the industry.

#### **Showcasing Talent**

The Playmaker Festival and other performances offer platforms for students to demonstrate their skills and creativity to a wider audience.

#### **Supportive Learning Environment**

Regular feedback and mentorship from experienced professionals help students refine their abilities and build confidence.

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