

DONMAR

FORCE MAJEURE HENRY V



DONMAR DISCOVER

ABOUT TAKE THE STAGE

Alongside the Donmar Warehouse's new season, Donmar Discover is proud to offer our popular Take the Stage project for schools alongside two productions: FORCE MAJEURE and HENRY V.

Take the Stage invites young people to devise new work for the Donmar stage as young artists, creating work that is in response to a Donmar production and reflective of their perspectives of the world. Working with a team leading of theatre-makers, young people and teachers work for up to eight weeks to produce a short performance that is shared on the Donmar stage in front of an invited audience.

The project runs in school and at the Donmar and includes seven in-school workshops, a Masterclass Day at the Donmar with tickets to a production, post-show talks with cast and creatives, and culminating in a performance day at the Donmar, with four schools sharing their work.

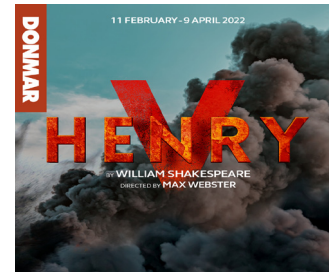
Take the Stage is aimed at groups of students between the ages of 14 and 18 from London state schools and colleges. We look to work with groups of between 15-25 young people.

Thanks to the generosity of our friends and funders, we are delighted to be able to offer this project for free to participating schools.



**“I grew in confidence, I enjoyed the plays, I loved working with people
who are not from my school”
Take the Stage participant**

FORCE MAJEURE and HENRY V



To accompany the Donmar productions of FORCE MAJEURE and HENRY V, Donmar Discover are delighted to offer two term-long projects for schools examining the plays and productions in depth.

Through practical workshops, students will investigate the creative process and the themes of the productions, learning theatre-making skills and developing their confidence, both as performers and individuals.

Take the Stage includes a series of in-school workshops, a Masterclass Day at the Donmar with workshops and tickets to see FORCE MAJEURE or HENRY V, and a Culmination Day at the Donmar, with each group sharing their work in front of an invited audience.

Workshops led by the Donmar's expert team of theatre-makers can run as part of timetabled classes or afterschool, with each session running for no less than 1hr 40m. As part of the project, we require students to join us at the Donmar for two full days – listed below.

COVID-19

We are planning for all work to be delivered in person in the new academic year. However, if the governments guidance changes, we will run sessions online via Zoom – as we did with Take the Stage: BLINDNESS and MONUMENTS.

Take the Stage consists of:

- A minimum of seven workshops/rehearsals in-school with a professional director
- A Masterclass Day at the Donmar featuring workshops and discussions with leading theatre-makers
- A free ticket for FORCE MAJEURE or HENRY V for every participant, followed by a post-show talk with the cast and creative team
- An opportunity for the whole group to perform on the Donmar stage
- Professional development opportunities for teachers through collaborating with professional directors

FORCE MAJEURE dates:

w/c 22 November – 17 December

Three in-school workshops to be arranged individually

Thursday 6 January

Masterclass Day at the Donmar with a matinee performance at 2.30pm

Friday 7 January – Thursday 27 January

Four in-school workshops to be arranged individually

Friday 28 January 9.30am – 3.30pm

Tech rehearsals and final performance at the Donmar

HENRY V dates:

w/c 31 January – 23 February

Two in-school workshops to be arranged individually

Thursday 24 February

Masterclass Day at the Donmar with a matinee performance at 2.30pm

Friday 25 February – Thursday 31 March

Five in-school workshops to be arranged individually

Friday 1 April 9.30am – 3.30pm

Tech rehearsals and final performance at the Donmar

DONMAR WAREHOUSE SCHOOLS' AGREEMENT

The Donmar Warehouse's Take the Stage programme offers school groups an extraordinary chance to work closely with professional theatre-makers and perform on the Donmar stage, as well as receiving tickets to our productions. We are delighted to be able to offer this project free of charge to schools, but expect that every school working with us will agree to the terms set out below.

We expect schools taking part in Take the Stage to agree to:

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- Take part in all elements of the Take the Stage programme as outlined in the project summary, including the Masterclass Day and performance, in-school workshops and the Culmination days
- Liaise with the Donmar and its freelance theatre-makers to arrange suitable dates and times for the necessary amount of workshops
- Provide appropriate space for the workshops to take place in
- Ensure that students are adequately supervised by school staff throughout the project, and that a member of school staff is present throughout in-school workshops with Donmar theatre-makers
- Ensure that Donmar theatre-makers are fully informed of any changes to the group participating in the project, and if individual students require particular support
- Ensure as far as possible that all students taking part in the project are available to participate in all aspects and inform the Donmar in advance if any individual students are unable to participate elements of the project
- Ensure that all tickets allocated by the Donmar are used by students, and inform the Donmar's Discover team a minimum of one week in advance of the performance if fewer students than the number agreed will be attending.
- Ensure that students have their mobile phones and other electronic equipment switched off for the duration of the performance and do not take photographs in the auditorium
- Ensure that evaluation forms are completed and returned to the Donmar.

The Donmar reserves the right to charge schools that do not attend a workshop or cancel a workshop with less than three working days' notice, up to £150 per workshop. We also reserve the right to charge groups who do not attend a performance, or who bring fewer students than agreed to a performance, up to £25 for every ticket that is not used.

Whilst we will use our discretion in exercising these options, we expect every school to honour the commitments they have made, and to contact us well in advance should any changes need to be made. We also reserve the right not to work again with schools who do not fully commit to every aspect of this programme.

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