

Panto Workshops 2025/26

1 November 2025 to 31 January 2026

Why not take your panto experience to the next level and bring your students to take part in one of our fun festive workshops. For children KS2 all the way through to KS4 we have some exciting hands on workshops on offer, from slapstick comedy and panto character building, to learning how to execute the iconic pantomime ghost scene there's something to inspire every young mind.

We can arrange to accommodate for multiple school classes and the workshops can be booked alongside a school panto visit or as a standalone session.



An introduction to Pantomime Characters

Runtime
55 minutes

Suitable for
KS2

Cost per session
£60 + VAT

Max capacity
30

This fun, high energy workshop will give your students a chance to throw themselves into the world of Pantomime. We will be exploring one of the most important parts of the show, its characters! Our facilitator will work with the students to learn about the different stock characters, and how to bring them to life. They will learn about how to use their voice and movement to create a character, and how to communicate with an audience. All these new skills will then be applied to a short script, with time for performance at the end.



Pantomime Characters: Voice and Physicality Masterclass

Runtime
85 minutes

Suitable for
KS3

Cost per session
£85 + VAT

Max Capacity
30

This session will focus on developing students physical and vocal skills, so they can create engaging, high energy, stock characters. We will learn about the concept of stock characters, discuss stereotypes, and examine the characteristics of each role. The young people will be pushed to bring these characters to life in the over exaggerated style of Pantomime. We will examine pace, tone, gait, physicality, and more to create well developed characters. All these refined skills will then be applied to a short script, with time for performance at the end.

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Pantomime Conventions: Getting the audience involved

Runtime
55 minutes

Suitable for
KS2/KS3

Cost per session
£60 + VAT

Max capacity
30

This lively, interactive workshop explores how pantomime performers engage their audiences through specific techniques of interaction and participation. Focusing on skill-building, students will learn how to effectively involve audiences, develop their improvisational skills, and understand the conventions of pantomime that make performances engaging and fun. We will look at breaking the fourth wall, call and response, physical engagement and the all-important audience cue improvisation. All these skills will be applied practically, with time for a performance at the end.



Pantomime Conventions: Ghost Routine with Audience Interaction

Runtime
85 minutes

Suitable for
KS3/KS4

Cost per session
£85 + VAT

Max capacity
30

Some call it the Ghost Routine, others the Ghost Gag, but no one disagrees that it is a fundamental element of a pantomime performance. In this session your students will learn the structure of the Ghost Routine, including audience participation, audience interaction and the basics of stock characters. Bringing together the technique, structure and performance skills, will allow your students to fully immerse themselves in this convention. This will all be taught through a practical lens, with time for performances at the end.

Get in touch

To enquire, ask questions or to secure your place, please email our Creative Engagement Officer on outreach.theatre@chelmsford.gov.uk.

All workshops will take place at your school or setting. You will be asked for the date and time you will wish to book for. Please note that weekdays between 1 November to 31 January are preferred but can be arranged depending on your setting. Unavailable dates are between 24 December to 2 January.

If you haven't yet booked your panto tickets for this years production of Aladdin, then you have until 30 September to secure your school group booking with £15 tickets and 1 in every 10 free. To find out more and book please contact our Box Office at boxoffice@chelmsford.gov.uk or call [01245 606505](tel:01245606505).