



THEATRE ETIQUETTE

Day with State performances

Please notify front of house when your school arrives. Schools are seated in order of arrival. Teachers must accompany students to the performances.

Evening Performances

Please arrive 20 mins prior to the show and be seated 5 minutes before the show starts. Some shows have a lock-out period where you won't be let into the theatre until a suitable break in the performance.

Toilets

Toilets are located in the foyer. Try to go before the show – it can be distracting when people move around during the show.

Leave food and drinks outside

Food and drinks are not permitted in the theatre. They make a mess and the noise is distracting to the actors and the rest of the audience.

School bags

Don't bring your school bags with you as you will be asked to leave them in the foyer. A small bag, such as a handbag is acceptable.

Seats are for sitting

Do not place your feet on the seat in front of you. Always walk along the row rather than jumping over seats. For safety reasons stay in your seat at the end of the show until the auditorium lights go up.

Turn OFF all electronic devices

Mobile phones should be turned off during a performance as they can interfere with the sound system. Phones left on 'silent' and used to SMS give off a glow that the actors can see from the stage and which is distracting to them. All recording devices (camera, MP3 recorders, and video recorders) are illegal to use unless you have prior permission from the director and actors.

Note taking

Note taking is distracting to the performers on stage and the audience around you. Please leave note taking for the interval and after the show.

Save discussion until after the show

Talking during a performance ruins the story and spoils the mood being created on stage. Everyone attending the production deserves to see it without distractions. Talk about it with your friends during interval or after the show.

Feel free to laugh, cry and applaud

Show your appreciation of the performance (the actors love it!!)

Actors are people too

Remember the actors are working really hard to perform for you. Their performance and your experience of it will be even better if you follow the above points.

Length of Performance

The length of a performance in the study guide is an estimation made during rehearsals. For updated details check out our website.

Suitability

Warning guides are given on all productions in our brochure and online. Should you have further questions please ring the Education Manager for more information.