

A black and white photograph of a group of students in a dance studio. A young woman in the foreground is smiling and moving, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. Other students are visible in the background, some in motion. The studio has large windows and a wooden floor.

EDUCATION PROSPECTUS 2026-2027

BRINGING THEATRE INTO THE HEART OF LEARNING.

ABOUT BRUISER

Bruiser is one of Northern Ireland's most vibrant and successful arts organisations. Founded in 1997 and based in Belfast, Bruiser produces theatre that is exciting and innovative, down to earth and accessible to all. We're committed to providing high impact theatre experiences for our audiences in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and further afield. Inspiring the next generation of talent is a core part of our vision. We're dedicated to providing training and development opportunities to young actors through our education and outreach programs.

We exist to engage, excite, stimulate, and inspire through our unique brand of physical theatre.

We aim to:

- Use minimal set for maximum impact;
- Further explore the role of the actor, enforcing them as the central mechanism of performance;
- Streamline and explore the relationship between the essential dynamics of theatre- the actor, the space and the audience;
- Encourage an environment for the exchange of ideas and collaboration between arts practitioners in production;
- Commit to touring, workshop development and teaching to encourage a greater access to theatre;
- Produce a consistently high quality product.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR 26/27

OCTOBER 2026

BRUISER IN A BOX - AN IN SCHOOL PRODUCTION

JANUARY 2027

A DAY WITH BRUISER KEY STAGE 4 & 5

FEBRUARY 2027

CPD TRAINING

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2027

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR COLLEGES

PROJECTS AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND

BRUISER ON YOUR DOORSTEP

DIGITAL HANDBOOK - CLASSROOM RESOURCES

BRUISER AFFILIATION PROGRAMME

Keep up to date with Bruiser's educational opportunities, blogs and events by signing up for our newsletter for teachers.

SIGN UP

BRUISER IN A BOX 2026

Bruiser in a Box is our annual tour of post-primary schools across Ireland. This is the perfect opportunity for students studying Bruiser as a chosen practitioner and to see a professional, live theatre show without the extra costs travelling to a venue.

'TEECHERS' BY JOHN GODBER

Back by popular demand, Bruiser returns to post-primary schools across Ireland with John Godber's acclaimed political comedy Teachers.

Through an energetic end-of-term performance, three Year 11 students recreate the highs and lows of their new drama teacher's turbulent experience of school life. Funny, fast-paced and thought-provoking, Teachers explores education, inequality and the power of young voices. The production offers excellent curriculum links across Drama, English, Learning for Life and Work/Citizenship, and supports the development of critical thinking, communication, empathy and reflective analysis.

Combining Bruiser's signature physical theatre style with a contemporary text, Teachers is an engaging learning experience that complements both practical and written study.

28TH SEPT-16TH OCT

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Rate	Price	When?
Early Bird	£800 per school	March-July 2026
Full price	£975 per school	From August 2026

A DAY WITH BRUISER 2027

A full day crash course for GCSE, Alevel & BTEC Drama students.

A Day With Bruiser is the perfect opportunity for students at GCSE, A-Level and BTEC stages to explore Bruiser's unique physical style. Working with a range of expert facilitators, pupils will rotate around three 90-minute dynamic workshops on the Bruiser style, devised/collaborative theatre and the exploration of a studied practitioner/practice.

Students will experience a short performance showcasing Bruiser's unique style, and have a Q&A with the performers.

This one-day crash course will equip pupils with the skills they need to create exciting devised pieces, gain knowledge on Bruiser's ensemble style and develop confidence as performers. A must for all performing arts students!

2027 DATES:

Jan, 25,26,27th @ The MAC

Jan 28 @ The Marketplace, Armagh

1st Feb @ The Playhouse, L'Derry

PRICING

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Rate	Price	When?
Early Bird	£20 per student	Sep-Nov 2026
Full price	£25 per student	From Dec 2026

CPD - TEACHER TRAINING

Designed for post-primary school Drama teachers our CPD workshops are an opportunity for you to build upon your teaching toolkits and fill up your creative cups. All training is tailored to the curriculum and informed by the specifications of all major exam boards.

CONTENT

The content for each year's CPD is generated in consultation with partner schools and teachers. It will normally consist of two workshops:

WORKSHOP ONE

Exploring Bruisers unique style and practice.

WORKSHOP TWO

Unlocking Creativity in the classroom and building foundation skills in devising techniques and ensemble practice

17TH FEBRUARY 2027 | THE MAC, BELFAST | 9AM-4.30PM

PRICING

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Rate	Price
Individual Booking	£250 per attendee
2+ Teachers Booking	£200 per attendee

NOTE: WE CAN OFFER ONSITE CPD TRAINING AT BESPOKE PRICES

BRUISER ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Throughout the year, Bruiser will design and deliver bespoke workshops to support you in the classroom. Our workshops are created in line with learning objectives as set by exam boards.

CONTENT

All of Bruiser's tried and tested workshops are available to your students, including:

- The Bruiser Style: Introduction and Advanced workshops
- Ensemble Playing and Collaborative Choreography
- Characterisation and Physicality
- Introduction to Performance
- Introduction to Devising

If none of these workshops meet the needs of your students, Bruiser facilitators are prepared to research and design a bespoke workshop for you. In this case there will be an additional fee to cover the necessary preparation of new workshop materials.

PRICING

GET IN TOUCH FOR A BESPOKE QUOTE

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AFFILIATION PROGRAMME

One partnership. Every stage of your Drama department. Big savings.

The Bruiser Affiliation Programme is a full-cycle, whole-school Drama partnership, designed to support pupils and teachers from first spark to exam success and professional practice – all in one cost-effective annual package.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Inspire early

- Bruiser in a Box ignites Key Stage 3, inspiring pupils to choose Drama at GCSE through live, professional theatre in your school.

Support exam students

- A Day with Bruiser deepens KS4/KS5 learning, helping students explore Bruiser as a prescribed practitioner in practical, exam-focused ways.

Empower teachers

- Ongoing CPD and training supports both specialist and non-specialist teachers, strengthening classroom practice now and long-term.

Sustain your department

- A joined-up programme that builds confidence, progression, and consistency across your entire Drama offer.

WHY BE AN AFFILIATE?

Bought separately, this provision would cost £1,600.

As an affiliate school, you pay £1,275 – a 20% saving - with access to heavily subsidised add-ons throughout the year.

REGENERATIVE DRAMA EDUCATION

ONE ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP. MAXIMUM IMPACT. EXCEPTIONAL VALUE.

PROFESSIONAL
THEATRE

INSPIRED
PUPILS

CONFIDENT
EXAM STUDENTS

SUPPORTED
TEACHERS

A THRIVING
DEPARTMENT

AFFILIATION PROGRAMME PRICING

Programme	State-funded school
Bruiser in a Box	£800
CPD Teacher Training	£175
A Day With Bruiser	£300 for 15 spaces
	Affiliate total price £1275 £1,600 if bought separately

SUBSIDISED ADDITIONS

The Bruiser Digital Grid	£75 £700 if bought separately
Devising session	£300 for 2 x 2-hour Devising sessions £400 if bought separately
Bespoke Workshop	£175 for a 2-hour Bespoke session £250 if bought separately
Bursary: The Bruiser Summer School	£220 £275 if bought separately

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Bruiser is dedicated to providing informative and innovative resources for your students.

The Bruiser Digital Handbook is a collection of digital resources to support the teaching and study of Drama. It gives you exclusive educational resources streamed straight into your classroom. Perfect for revision and inspiration.

Bruiser's How-To Demo Videos are a selection of videos giving students an insight into the wider roles within theatre. Each top area contains a series of educational videos on a range of topics. Videos are available for the full academic year they're purchased in, meaning you can re-watch them with your students throughout the year.

Package	Excite	Engage	Inspire
All Six Pre-recorded Lectures			
Student-friendly Lecture Notes			
All Five Pre-recorded Workshops			
Workshop Plans			
Schemes of Work			
Additional Educational Resources			
Price	£250	£450	£650

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

The Bruiser Arts Academy is an essential part of any young actor's training. During the course, we focus on enhancing performance skills and professional development, equipping our students to perform at the best of their ability - it's a lot of fun too!

SUMMER SCHOOL

AGES: 12+

DATES: 19TH-29TH JULY 2027

LOCATION: THE MAC, BELFAST

PRICING: £275 PP

APPLY NOW

GRADUATE ACADEMY

AGES: 18+ YEARS

DATE: 9TH-21ST AUGUST 2027

LOCATION: THE MAC, BELFAST

PRICING: £350 PP

APPLY NOW

