

## **Pre Course Material**

Go and see as much theatre as you can

*...those who see more theatre get better marks...*

We would highly recommend you read “*An Actor Prepares*” by **Konstantin Stanislavski**. It is a book that changed the way theatre works. So much of what we see today is in some way directly linked to this man. Please also conduct your own research on Bertolt Brecht, Antonin Artaud and Samuel Beckett.

Your decision to study Drama may have been made some time ago, which hopefully means that you have been interested enough to try to get to see some productions at local theatres over the summer break. If not, or if your decision to join the course has been made only recently, then there may still be time to visit the theatre at least once before term begins. See what is on at the following venues

### **THE ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE, MANCHESTER**

[www.royalexchange.co.uk](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk)

### **THE LOWRY THEATRE, MANCHESTER**

[www.thelowry.com](http://www.thelowry.com)

### **THE UNITY THEATRE, LIVERPOOL**

[www.unitytheatre.liverpool.co.uk](http://www.unitytheatre.liverpool.co.uk)

### **LIVERPOOL EMPIRE, LIVERPOOL.**

[www.atgtickets.com/venues/liverpool-empire](http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/liverpool-empire)

### **THE LIVERPOOL EVERYMAN AND PLAYHOUSE**

[www.everymanplayhouse.com](http://www.everymanplayhouse.com)

Join the Young Everyman Playhouse and get tickets for £5

<http://www.everymanplayhouse.com/content/Home/GetInvolved/YEP.aspx>

*or further afield*

### **THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY, STRATFORD**

[www.rsc.org.uk](http://www.rsc.org.uk)

### **LONDON AND THE WEST END**

<http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk>

<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com>

<http://www.donmarwarehouse.com>

<http://www.royalcourttheatre.com>

<http://www.almeida.co.uk>

<http://www.trafalgar-studios.co.uk>

*These are the venues in London that often produce the most interesting plays in which you will see the best acting. The West End is also huge and full of big profile musicals and plays.*