



# Costume Brief

We would like you to design some costumes for the upcoming production of Romeo and Juliet.

## The Audience

The audience for this production will be mainly schools and young people. A key consideration for designing these costumes is that the audience must be able to relate to the characters. That means it's really important to dress the characters in clothes that feel familiar to young people today. Our production is set in the modern period, but like us you can take inspiration from anywhere you choose.

## The Characters

There are different kinds of characters in the play; masters and servants, higher status and lower status. We would like you to use costume to help to show the differences between these characters. Think about what materials, symbols or accessories you can use to help show the character's status and personality.

You could design multiple costumes for one character, as it's common for actors to change throughout the show. Good examples of this are Romeo and Juliet: you could contrast their normal looks in the opening scenes, to their outfits for the party and wedding later on.

## The Practicalities

The costumes must achieve the desired look for the performance, but still be comfortable and allow the actors to move easily in them. The performances are outside on the Globe stage and so the costumes also need to be resilient to wet and windy weather. Make sure that what you design is hard-wearing because the costumes will be taken on and off many times by the actors, particularly on days with two performances.

## Submissions

Please draw your costume designs onto the template provided. You can add colour or written notes if it helps to explain the design. Once you have finished, email your design to us at [digital.i@shakespearesglobe.com](mailto:digital.i@shakespearesglobe.com). We will then select some of our favourite entries and display them.