

Playing Shakespeare with Deutsche Bank: Romeo and Juliet – Student Graffiti Competition

Romeo and Juliet is a play of intensity, wherein the passion of teenage love runs up against the consuming force of cyclical violence. Our challenge is for students to choose a one-to two-word phrase that they feel best encapsulates their own interpretation of the many and varied themes present in *Romeo and Juliet*. We're looking for students to design a graffiti tag that represents their chosen phrase, and to share their creation with us. The winning entry will be displayed in the Globe as part of the show and will be seen by over 30,000 students over the course of the run.

Students, your task is:

- Create a design, in landscape layout, which we could use on one of the graffiti boards featured in the show. You can see examples in the picture below.
- Your design should be based on one or two words from the play *Romeo and Juliet*; you might choose the most important word to you from the prologue, or another favourite moment from a part of the play that means something to you.
- Your design of the word, and the art around it, should fit with the style of the graffiti you can see in the pictures below.
- When submitting your design, please also include a few sentences explaining your choice of phrase and letting us know why you feel it is important, either in the play, in society today, or both.



How to enter:

Please email your submission to playingshakespeare@shakespearesglobe.com by 1.00pm on **Monday 5 January 2026** with the subject line '**Graffiti Competition – [your name]**'.

In the email, please include:

- A high-quality image of your design (a scan, a photograph, however you'd like to share this with us – but make sure we can see all details of your design!)
- A few sentences explaining your choice of phrase and letting us know why you feel it is important, either in the play, in society today, or both.
- Your name
- Your school
- Your year

We will aim to be in touch via email with the results of your application by Friday 30 January 2026. In addition to earning a place for your artwork among the set design for *Romeo and Juliet*, the winning entrant will receive four free tickets to see a performance of the show with their friends and family! These will be awarded for **Saturday 21 March 2026 at 2.00pm** and entrants **MUST** be able to attend the show on this date.

If you have any questions about the above brief, please get in touch with us at playingshakespeare@shakespearesglobe.com. We wish you the best of luck!