



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year we will add another organization to our list of Global Education Partners when a group of 21 Academy of Visual and Performing Arts students and three teachers visit the British American Drama Academy (BADA) in London this coming April. The Academy was founded in 1984 to enable students from around the world to study classical theatre with leading actors and directors of the British stage, and offers four programs throughout the year for serious students of theatre. Since its founding, over 5,000 students have benefitted from studying classical theatre in the British tradition at BADA.

During their weeklong stay our students will have the opportunity to participate in a Masterclass with a BADA faculty member, attend a meeting with London theatre professionals, and observe rehearsals of the Academy's end-of-semester production.

Along with a tour of famous sites in London—the Tower of London, Westminster Abby, and the Victoria and Albert Museum, among others—students will attend a play at the National Theatre and at the Globe Theatre, a unique international resource dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work through performance and education.

We're very proud to be able to offer this wonderful experience to our students as part of Bergen County Technical School's Global Education Initiative. The Global Education Initiative seeks to prepare students for success in a global economy and workforce; to provide students an opportunity to interact with their peers in a global environment; to engender increased respect for values and traditions other than one's own; and to give students real-world exposure to and experience with students from another part of the world.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent