



Our Artsmark Offer

Westbury Arts Centre offers a range of support to children and young people through their schools and educational settings. Our practitioners are artists in their own right, many of whom have studios at Westbury and exhibit regularly. They are experienced in running workshops and activities for a range of ages.

Westbury Arts Centre is a non-profit making charity which is committed to inclusivity, nurturing talent and engaging with the local community. We offer high quality art sessions to develop best practice through our engagement with schools and education settings.

Westbury Arts Centre is an Artsmark Partnership Organisation which is proud to offer support to schools on their Artsmark journey. We believe that the visual arts play a central role in the development of creativity, providing unique opportunities for expression while fostering emotional well-being. Children and young people's learning can be enhanced by their observation of the world and exploration through a range of media. Individuals can develop new skills and discover the language of the visual arts.

Supporting the curriculum

We believe that arts education improves attainment, supports emotional health and well-being and fosters creativity. In working in partnership with Westbury, schools can draw on practitioners' expertise and experience to enable their pupils to produce creative work. This can be through a range of media, such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture and through the techniques of observation, reflection and imagination.

Our offer for children and young people:

Westbury Arts Centre is a non-funded organisation that aims to offer a rolling annual programme of affordable events, workshops and activities across a range of disciplines. We provide arts-based learning opportunities to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We endeavour to engage groups in artist-led co-production that allows them to explore and discover arts, heritage and the local environment.

We offer:

- Professional artist outreach support to local school settings, working in schools or at our centre
- Demonstrations and CPD for teaching staff
- Targeted art mentor support with a small number of individual pupils



- Visits to Westbury Arts Centre for specific activities/events
- Potential for creative activities in outdoor space
- Opportunities to contribute to exhibitions
- Participation in Westbury Young Artist of the Year and Milton Keynes Open Exhibition

We are happy to work with schools to tailor specific events and support for projects.

Artists are experienced at running workshops and have DBS checks.

Cost: £250 per day/£140 half day (3 hours)

For enquiries please contact: admin@westburyartscentre.co.uk

Artsmark Quality Principles

The seven quality principles are embedded in our offer to schools and education settings:

1. Striving for excellence and innovation

We enable children and young people to experience and experiment with developing new skills, by nurturing talent and encouraging individuals to develop their potential.

2. Being authentic

We provide first hand opportunities for pupils to work alongside practising professional artists who are specialists in their own right. This enables pupils to gain new insights and experience the process of production and to create their own original work.

3. Being exciting, inspiring and engaging

We offer novel activities and provide guidance on developing new skills, including drawing, painting, print and three-dimensional work. Children and young people are able to share the co-production of works alongside talented professional artists.

4. Ensuring a positive and inclusive experience

We believe that creativity is the birth right of all people regardless of experience,



background, age or ability. Art can be a significant means of development of cognitive, physical, social and emotional skills, and a way of exploring culture and environment but most importantly we believe it should be fun.

5. Actively involving children and young people

We promote the visual arts through hands-on learning. We provide opportunities for pupils to develop their own ideas and to have personal experience of a range of activities. Feedback from pupils and teachers is important in developing our offer.

6. Enabling personal progression

We believe that art is for everyone and that practical exploration and skills development can enable all children and young people to make progress. We are committed to nurturing talent and supporting schools in their curriculum progression.

7. Developing belonging and ownership

We provide opportunities for groups to share new learning experiences and to work collaboratively on projects. The visual arts provide a means for communication for all regardless of their prior experience and abilities. We can support schools in developing their pupils' confidence and identity through visual arts activities.

Investment Principles

Westbury Arts Centre is committed to Arts Council England's Investment Principles to inform the development of our organisation and individual creative practice:

- Ambition & Quality
- Dynamism
- Environmental Responsibility
- Inclusivity & Relevance

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/our-delivery-plan-2020-2024/explore-investment-principles>

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/letscreate>



Supporting cultural education, endorsed by Arts Council England

