

Inspire, Experiment, Challenge

Schools at Wysing Arts Centre 2019-20



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Introduction

This resource is designed to:

- Provide practical advice for visiting Wysing Arts Centre
- Outline a range of ways in which Wysing can support children, young people and schools
- See how art can support the curriculum, exam specifications, Arts Award and Artsmark
- Help you plan your visit to Wysing

'The activities were brilliant. Very age appropriate and using techniques that we wouldn't commonly use in school. Particularly the year 5 soundscape. Staff were inspired and I think will use ideas in their teaching.' Deputy Head

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About Wysing Arts Centre

Wysing Arts Centre was established in 1989 with the aim of establishing an inspirational workplace for artists. 30 years on, Wysing is valued as a national resource that supports artists to research, experiment and make ambitious new work.

Wysing's rural site near Cambridge includes:

- A contemporary gallery holding temporary exhibitions
- Education studio
- 20 artists' studios
- Project spaces including a recording studio
- Site sculptures & outdoor woodlands
- A 17th century farmhouse

We aim to develop new ways to support artists and enable art and ideas to reach a wide range of people. We work with national and international artists working across visual arts, music, dance, writing & digital technologies. We curate temporary exhibitions throughout the year, please check our website to see what's coming up.

www.wysingartscentre.org/whats_on/exhibitions





Education at Wysing Arts Centre

Our education programmes are designed to empower young artists to develop their creative thinking on site or off-site. We offer artist-led activities to inspire children & young people to explore and take ownership of their creativity, viewing every child & young person who works with us as an artist. Our education offer can be tailored to meet exam specifications, curriculum topics, and Artsmark development areas.

As an Arts Award Centre and Supporter we're able to support your students to achieve their Arts Award across all five levels, from Discover to Gold.



Inspire

Discover creative experiences with Wysing artists that can support students critical thinking and explore engaging insights into curriculum topics.

Experiment

Test out new ideas and explore different approaches to art making across a variety of media. Work collaboratively to encourage team work and new opportunities.

Challenge

Work with students or staff to understand how schools can address key issues such as diversity, identity and gender.

Free Tours and Self-Guided Visits

Wysing Arts Centre is set on an 11 acre site, with site sculptures to explore all year round. We offer a free introductory tour on arrival for school and education groups. We can provide pre-visit support and ideas to help your group explore the site.

During exhibitions we can also offer a free 20 minute introduction to the exhibition with a member of education staff. At Wysing we host 3 exhibitions a year. Check back on our website to see upcoming exhibitions, key themes and schools resources.

'At your art centre I liked it because you thought about bullying...you really taught me lots of things.' Alice, Year 3

Artist Studio Visit

Wysing is home to 20 studio artists who are at the centre all year round. We can organise hour-long studio visits with these artists, allowing students an opportunity to meet an artist, discover their work and ask them about their career. You can find biographies of our current studio artists online (http://www.wysingartscentre.org/about/studio_artists) and we are able to recommend artists to fit with specific subjects of study and interests.

Artist studio visits last an hour and cost £50. For larger groups (15 - 30 students) we recommend having 2 half hour sessions or booking an artist to share their work in our window room.

Curriculum links: Arts Award, Creative Careers, Cultural Capital



Creative Workshops

We're able to offer a wide variety of practical, creative workshops in mixed media visual art, performance & sound. We are able to offer half day workshops for £175 and full day workshops for £300. We work with artists working in multidisciplinary, multimedia formats and are also able to offer bespoke workshops. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Creative Careers

Working with Wysing studio artists & staff, we introduce arts & culture as a genuine career choice. Q&A sessions promote an understanding of a range of different routes towards earning a living from creative skills.

Artsmark link: Cultural Capital, Engagement

Co-production

We are experienced in co-production & facilitating children & young people to lead in the planning & delivery of arts experiences. Students can work with an artist to shape & produce work, exhibitions, activities or events.

Curriculum links: Art, Drama, PHSE, Geography, Music, SMSC

Artsmark link: Pupil Voice

Discover Arts Award

Explore the site with Wysing studio artists to identify different art forms, whilst finding out about artists and arts organisations. Experiences of the day and what students discover will be shared through creative projections or videos to achieve a Discover Arts Award.

Artsmark link: Engagement, Partnerships



'I was so impressed when, during a recent workshop with Liv Wynter, pupils were asked which pronoun they wish to be addressed by. This immediately set the tone for the work to come and got pupils thinking about identity, inclusion and diversity in our culture.' Mark, Head of Art

Landscape & Meaning Making

Work in the landscape with an artist to explore space, composition, texture & collaboration. Create links between everyday life & curriculum topics, using the landscape & art as a starting point to explore different subject areas.

Curriculum links: Science, IT, Design & Technology, Maths, PE, History

Understand

Artists at Wysing often explore challenging contemporary themes in their work & we actively seek artists who can bring a range of cultural, social, racial & gender perspectives. We aim to help children & young people access these perspectives through creative art making in a sensitive, age-appropriate way.

Curriculum Links: Citizenship, PHSE, Diversity, Sociology

Whether you want to respond to your school topic, or contemporary issues that relate with artistic practice such as gender, feminism or environmental issues we can support you. Artists at Wysing work in a variety of media and we can tailor workshops to support students respond to themes through campaigns and creative workshops in different media.



Off-Site Opportunities

Wysing works with a range of experienced artists who are able to provide sessions off-site, at your school or youth club. We are able to provide many of our creative workshops off-site, as well as offering talks, portfolio reviews or mentoring sessions by staff and artists. Please speak to us to discuss your specific requirements.

As Wysing we support young people to lead their own activities and take part in different projects as part of peer-led groups. We support 18 – 25 year olds through Circuit Cambridge with Kettle's Yard and 13 – 19 year olds through Creative Circuit: Huntingdon. Find out more online or talk to us to see how we can support young people in your area.

www.wysingartscentre.org/whats_on/young_artists

Curriculum link: Arts Award, Creative Careers, Cultural Capital

Artsmark link: Engagement, Partnerships



Teacher CPD

We can offer bespoke development sessions for staff to develop creative skills & devise ways to use these in the classroom. Work with experienced arts educators to try a range of hands-on activities exploring specific techniques, using commonly available materials in new ways. We can link to multiple curriculum areas, showing art as a catalyst or process for broader learning.

Artsmark link: Continuing Professional Development

'Thank you for an inspiring CPD session at Wysing Arts Centre. The relaxed setting and thought provoking exhibits enabled us to think about the ways that we taught the art curriculum in school and to explore alternative ideas and approaches.' Arts Lead, School

Artsmark

As an Artsmark partner we are able to support you to develop your creative offer at school. We are able to offer support through one-off workshops, or longer term projects and partnerships. We have specific experience of developing peer-led groups in order to develop the voice of children and young people at school. We have previously supported schools in developing their statement of impact for the Artsmark Award.

You can find out more about Artsmark here:

www.artsmark.org.uk



Arts Award

As an Arts Award Centre and Supporter we're able to support your students to achieve their Arts Award across all five levels, from Discover to Gold. All of our workshops and artist opportunities can be used to support your delivery of the Arts Award, please speak to us to discuss your specific requirements.

Wysing is a registered Arts Award Centre who are able to deliver Arts Awards from initial idea through the moderation, so your students can still complete an Arts Award even if your setting is not a registered centre. Primary students can complete their Discover Arts Award in a day, offering a range of experiences with artists, before being assessed through Wysing as an Arts Award Centre. We are able to plan and facilitate longer term projects to enable young people to achieve an Arts Award at all levels from Discover to Gold. Please speak to us to discuss your specific requirements.





Access and Practicalities

Please contact us to discuss any access needs within your group so that we can accommodate them on your visit. Many of our activities and workshops can be tailored to meet SEND and PMLD. We can accommodate up to 60 students on site per day.

Wysing Arts Centre is a rural site, and therefore not all areas are fully physically accessible. We have parking spaces for disabled visitors at the front of the site and step-free access to the Reception, Gallery and Open Studio education space. There are accessible WCs on site. Please speak to us how we can support your students visit on site or at school.



*'I loved this whole experience! Should I become a performance artist?
I think I might! Remember the name! Asande! You changed my life!'
Year 10 student*



How to Book

We ask that you contact us to book in all visits, including free self-guided visits, at least three weeks in advance. Please contact us directly below via phone or email to discuss opportunities, arrange a free pre-visit, or to book your experience.

Summary of Opportunities and Costs

- FREE Site visit. We have a large rural site with outdoor sculpture, a programme of exhibitions & space for self-led learning activities
- FREE Exhibition tour. 20 minutes with a member of Wysing Education staff
- £50 Artist Studio Visit. One-hour artist studio visit. Meet an artist in their studio, discover their work & processes & ask them about their career
- £175/£300 Artist-led workshop (half day/full day). On site or in your school venue
- Bespoke programme: whole school; artist in residence; STEAM – cost dependent on requirements
- Teachers INSET: cost dependent on requirements

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