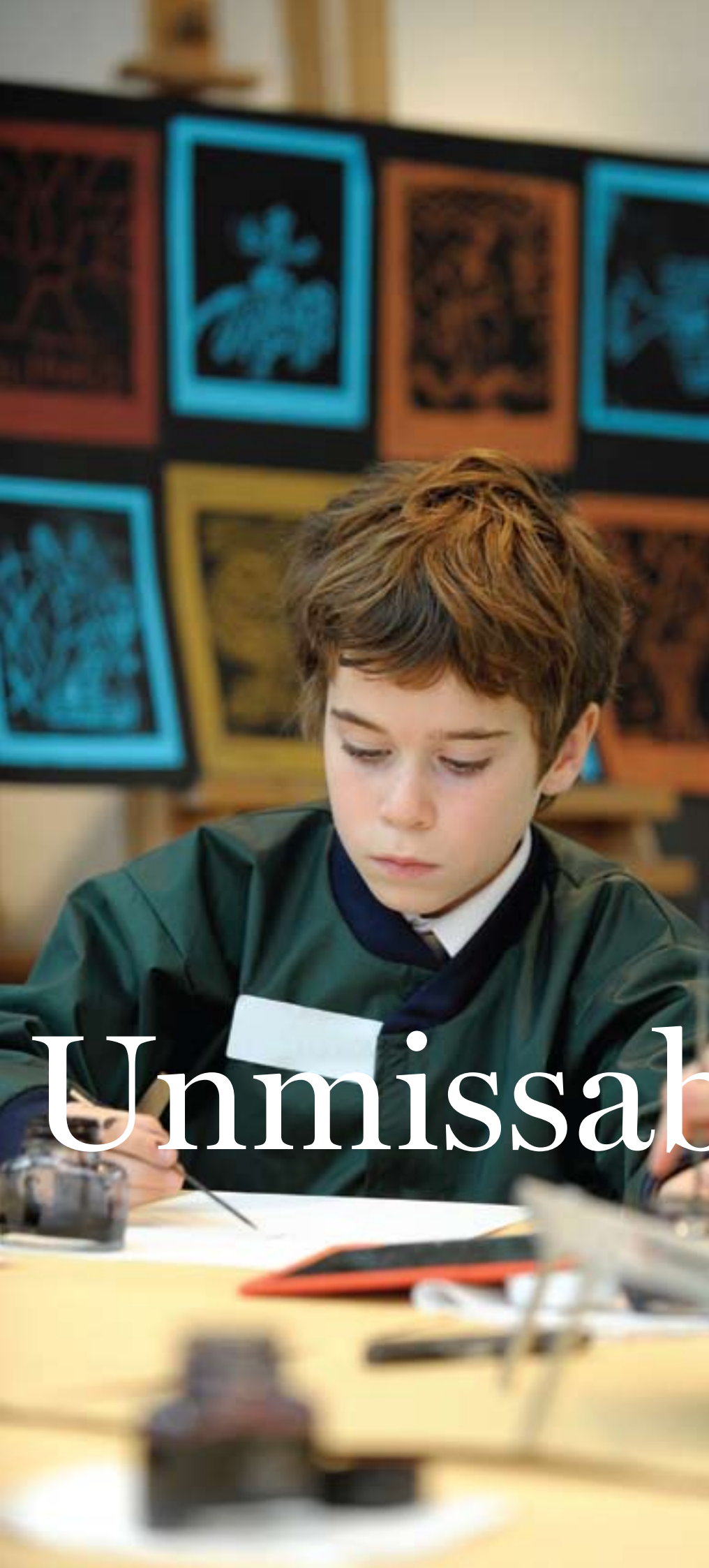


Learning through art at  
Dulwich Picture Gallery

# Primary Schools Programme



DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY  
Sackler Centre for Arts Education



## What makes the Schools Programme unmissable:

- Professional artists and trained Gallery teachers lead every session
- Small group sizes focus on individual learning and in-depth discussion
- Free art materials of the highest quality
- Sessions are tailored to particular needs. The Schools Programme works in partnership with teachers to address preparation, follow-up and curriculum links to the collection and visual art
- Follow-up sessions with artists in the classroom extend learning
- Teacher INSET sessions stress the importance of creative learning throughout the curriculum
- All sessions at the Gallery are completely free of charge

# Unmissable

‘The arts are the greatest resource a teacher has in their repertoire. The tools they offer are capable of reaching every age group and ability range in an almost infinite variety of ways’  
Gallery Teacher

## Finding a voice

Workshops in the Gallery and Sackler Studio challenge pupils to find new ways of expressing ideas. The complexity of paintings pushes children to use words, images and movement as they describe what they see and articulate what they think. By engaging students in dialogue about art, the sessions develop listening and speaking skills – essential building blocks for literacy and future learning. The interactive and intimate nature of the programme addresses all learning styles. Children know that their ideas are valued and heard.

# Communicate

**'As a teacher in the Gallery, the learning process becomes a symbiotic relationship between the teacher and the taught – both learn from each other. It is the most rewarding experience'**  
Gallery Teacher



## Learning to see

At Dulwich Picture Gallery children are always involved in the process of observation, whether it is studying detail in a landscape, noticing a pattern of shapes in architecture or measuring the proportions of a face while sketching. Artists and teachers at the Gallery ask pupils to look carefully and consider what they see. By giving children time to delve deeply into a topic or meditate on a painting, we teach how to draw meaning from the visual image.

# Look

‘I thought it was brilliant when we talked about the pictures. I enjoyed thinking about what the paintings might represent’

Primary school pupil



# Inspire



## Motivating enquiry

We believe that art should be an essential part of everyone's life. A workshop at Dulwich Picture Gallery can open up endless possibilities for a lifetime of learning through the arts. Making children comfortable in the Gallery and excited about art is a central goal. All sessions start with the individual in mind, from open-ended discussions to carefully developed studio projects. Face-to-face teaching throughout the visit is a hallmark of our programme and provides the best quality experience.

**“To me, it means the thrill of sometimes being able to light a spark which will enable children to regard art as an essential in their future lives”**  
Gallery Teacher



Trying  
something  
new

Workshops are designed to allow children to test their ideas, whether with paint on canvas in the art studio, or through movement in a drama session. The freedom to experiment is crucial to all art forms and to the learning process across all subjects. Our programme provides the time and space to push an idea further and build confidence in participants.

# Experiment

‘My favourite part was when we put on a role play. At first I was quite embarrassed but when I relaxed it was so fun. I had an interview at school and they asked what I had done and all I talked about was that day. Thank you so much’  
Primary school pupil



## Making it your own

Children use the Gallery collection as a starting point for their own work. In the art studio all workshops are taught by professional artists and use only high quality materials, ensuring students feel that their work is respected as they learn new techniques and methods of self expression.

# Create

‘The children enjoyed the workshop so much that we spent the rest of the week off timetable and concentrated on completing the hangings. They take pride of place in our classroom’

Teacher

## Dulwich Picture Gallery Schools Programme

The Schools Programme is constantly adapting and innovating while core ideas about quality learning through the arts remain constant. Please look at our website for more information: [www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](http://www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk)

Programmes on offer include:

### **Key Stage 1 (ages 5 – 7)**

*First Steps into Art*  
*Storytelling*  
*Writing and Imagination:*  
*Literacy through Art*  
*Artdays Outreach Sessions*

### **Key Stage 2 (ages 7 – 11)**

*Art Science*  
*Artskills: Studio workshops*  
*Discovery Tours*  
*Dramatic Art*  
*Explore Buildings:*  
*Architecture Programme*  
*Artdays Outreach Sessions*

**For teachers we provide bespoke INSET sessions, both in your classroom and at the Gallery.**

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All sessions at the Gallery are  
**Free of charge**

To discuss which programme would be right for your class, design a bespoke visit or book a session, contact the Education Department on 020 8299 8731.



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