

10x10 School Trip Planning for Hackney School Teachers

Sharing up to date opportunities, events and links for the rest of the academic year 2025/26



About 10x10

The Hackney 10x10 Programme is an initiative to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 amazing activities by the time they are 10 years old.

- Engage in exercise
- Have a musical experience
- Learn to swim
- Take part in drama and performing arts
- Visit the seaside and the countryside
- Experience museums, theatres, galleries and heritage sites
- Take part in camping trips and overnight residentials
- Learn to ride a bike
- Take part in debating
- Use a library

10x10 Online Directory Website

For ideas on planning school trips, educational links to organisations delivering all 10 activities and are broken down into early years, key stage 1 and key stage 2 together. There are also free resources including the Journey booklets and maps.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/10x10-programme>

All schools should have received:

- 10x10 Maps - to go on display at reception so families can see where to access activities in Hackney
- 10x10 Library cards for reception children - to encourage schools and families to use the local library and become more aware of their services
- 10x10 Journey - a cardboard box filled with 10x10 Journey booklets with curriculum links for key stage 1&2 to support teachers to record children's achievements

- 10x10 Lever arch file - with support on how to deliver the 10x10 in your school



Engage in Exercise

Leaside

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Address : Leaside, 34 Spring Lane, Hackney E5 9HQ

Website www.leaside.org.uk

Age Range : We offer multiple key stages depending on group

Where : Based on or around the River Lea with trips and residential

Activities : Offer exercise, bike riding, residential and visits to countryside

Dates : Ongoing

Website <https://leaside.org.uk/activities-for-schools/>

Free Ice Skating

Lee Valley Ice centre is offering free ice skating sessions running throughout the year on weekdays every day between either 11-12 or 12-1 booked on a first come first served basis by emailing Paskell Blackwell pblackwell@leevalleypark.org.uk

Outdoor Activities Hertfordshire

Outdoor Watersports venue activities include Adventure Games, Bell Boating, Climbing, Caving, Dinghy Sailing, Orienteering, Problem Solving, Raft Building, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.

Cheshunt Lake

Opening Times Between 09:30 - 15:00

Herts Young Mariners Base, Cheshunt Lake, 231 Windmill Ln, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross EN8 9AJ

<https://hymb.com/group-activities/school-group-activities/>

SEND provision is provided.

8 - 18 years old. Adult provision is also available.

Pricing starts from £250 per 10 children.

<https://hymb.com/>

East Ed

East Ed is the education arm of the new Eastbank in the Olympic Park in Stratford and includes Sadler's Wells East, BBC, UCL, London College of Fashion, V&A East and V&A Storehouse.

East Ed Resources + presentations

All resources and presentations are on the [Padlet](#), our digital resources hub. This will stay open for you to use and will get updated regularly.

<https://padlet.com/francesca318/east-ed-resource-wall-qz0wiazdo07y0tlh>

Mailing list

Please encourage your colleagues from school or other local schools to [sign up to the East Ed mailing list](#) so they can get access to the East Ed CPD and other offers.

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/community/learning-park/east-ed>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/east-ed-events-for-east-london-educators-3304659?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Upcoming Free East Ed Events

Music Making in Primary by the BBC

Thu, 9 Oct 2025 09:30 - 12:30 BST

Ten Pieces CPD with the BBC Symphony Orchestra

This interactive workshop will give teachers practical ideas to bring music into all parts of the school day. It doesn't matter how musical you think you are – you will leave the day with new ideas and confidence to help your pupils to get creative with classical music.

This training will highlight ways to use Ten Pieces digital resources to support music-making in school.

Target Audience: Aimed at KS2 classroom teachers. Particularly focusing on non-specialist teachers who lack confidence in delivering music.

Thursday, 9 October

Primary workshop with London College of Fashion

Thu, 9 Oct 2025 13:00 - 15:30 BST

This event is ideal for

KS2 Art Coordinators, teachers, and support staff, as well as SEND colleagues.

Visual Art Educators working within a primary school environment.

Book free ticket here

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/slt-session-future-casting-learning-tickets-1425678666269?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep_tld=1

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We are delighted that UCL and London College of Fashion are now open in the Park and they will soon be followed by Sadler's Wells, V&A, and BBC in the following months and years.

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SLT session: Future Casting Learning

Wednesday, 12 November

UCL East - Marshgate

Book free ticket here

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Wednesday, 19 November

East Ed Dance Network Event and Teacher CPD

Wed, 19 Nov 2025 13:30 - 17:00 GMT at Sadler's Wells East

About this event : SAVE THE DATE

Join East Ed, Sadler's Wells, to explore ways to develop dance with your students. An afternoon of sharing practice and developing Dance teaching, learning, and career awareness for educators, specialists, and non-specialists, working with children and young people in East London.

The event will have two sessions running simultaneously: one for primary and one for secondary

This event is ideal for:

Heads of Dance, Dance Teachers, Performing Arts teachers, PE coordinators, Specialist Dance teachers and Dance Artists, PE Teachers, non-specialist teachers, Trainee teachers, Primary Classroom teachers, and learning support assistants. Primary Classroom teachers, and learning support assistants.

This event is for colleagues based within Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest.

Book free ticket here

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/slt-session-future-casting-learning-tickets-1425678666269?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep_tld=1

How to find us: The entrance to Sadler's Wells East is off Stratford Walk, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, 101 Carpenters Rd, London, E20 2AR

Laburnum Boat Club

www.laburnumboatclub.com

School Activity Sessions Including

- 6 week kayaking courses: 6 x 90min sessions for up to 30 pupils, perfect for year 6 groups after SATs etc. (pupils must be over 9yrs)
- One-off canoeing, kayaking or rock climbing sessions, great for rewards sessions etc (pupils must be over 9yrs)
- Narrowboat trips, perfect for any age, either as a day out for nursery / reception or can be useful to cover the industrial revolution / art along the canal / physics of locks etc
- GCSE PE (kayaking or rock climbing) courses
- Duke of Edinburgh sessions: canoeing / rock climbing for skill or physical or First Aid for service
- First Aid and Safeguarding courses available for pupils, staff or parents

More info on our website: www.laburnumboatclub.com or contact us at: info@laburnumboatclub.com

Please refer pupils to Laburnham Boat Club and services, including: Youth Club

Canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, arts and crafts, games and more, for 9-18year olds

- Targeted at disadvantaged, disabled and vulnerable young people, great for building confidence, extra curricular activities, family support etc.

Term-time 5-7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (£3pp) or 11am-4pm on Saturdays (£10pp)

School Holidays 10am-4pm (£10pp), with a free breakfast club 9am-10am every day FREE if you are registered for Free School Meals in Hackney

no need to book, parent or carer to complete the membership at:

www.laburnumboatclub.com and just turn up!

includes: Year 6+ Transition Project for Year 6 and 7 pupils who need support in the transition to secondary school. FREE

- Girls Club to encourage young women into outdoor sports
- Homework Club providing help in any subject, with a focus on maths and English, up to GCSE, for 9-16year olds
- Inclusion Project

- After-school youth and sports clubs for young people with disabilities
- great for building confidence, reducing social isolation, improving physical ability and family support
- pick up from school, snack and drop off home included
- £3pp or free if on FSM
- **parent or guardian need contact us to arrange and assessment visits via:**
info@laburnumboatclub.com



Have a Musical Experience Hackney Music Service

The Singing Events are opportunities for schools to bring their classes /choirs to come together and sing as part of a Hackney-wide community. There are events for EYFS (Nursery/Reception), Infants (KS1) and Juniors (KS2). All schools sing the same repertoire, and join together to form a massed choir on the day, accompanied by a live professional band. HMS provides all registered schools with a full resource pack to support the learning of the material (performance tracks, backing tracks, vocal scores, teacher notes, song books etc), plus access to a Vocal CPD session for all staff involved.

The Dance Event is an opportunity for schools to showcase a piece of group dance work that their pupils have been working on in school. The event is open to both Primary, Secondary and SEND Schools. Dances can be any genre or style and should be no longer than 5 minutes.

The Instrumental Event is an opportunity for schools to showcase a school instrumental ensemble. The event is open to both Primary, Secondary and SEND

Schools. Performances can be any genre or style and should be no longer than 5 minutes. In addition to each Instrumental Group's performance, all groups will join together to take part in a massed piece which will be taught by an HMS Facilitator on the day.

Registration - Please contact Xanthe Sarr on **xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk**

Wigmore Hall

School groups can sign up to CAVATINA chamber music trust concerts? Wigmore Hall has up to 35 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that accompanying teachers will need to pay full price for their tickets.

You can book CAVATINA 25 tickets by calling the Box Office on 020 7935 2141 or in person at Wigmore Hall.

<https://www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/box-office-help/discounts-concessions/cavatina-25>



Learn to Swim

Can Better Swimming coaches support your School's Fair?

Invitation from Better to Hackney all schools for 'swim school' teachers to take part in your school's fairs, they would ask for a stall and come along to promote their swim school and our summer crash course swimming lessons will bring along goodies to give away and a 'Guess how many in a jar' to offer a chance to win some free swim lessons. To book a swim school teacher to come along to your school fair : email Jennifer Rowley Jennifer.Rowley@gll.org



Take Part in Drama and Performing Arts

The Old Vic - PRIMARY TAKE THE LEAD

Free project running in London primary schools for Year Six students. Using theatre techniques and drama practises this one-off workshop will enable students to explore the theme of transition and change.

The programme draws on The Old Vic's expertise as a theatrical institution to support young people's development and to take ownership over their next steps, including supporting them in the move from primary to secondary education. The programme will consist of:

- A launch workshop for teachers with start-up activities for your students
- A one-day workshop in your school for your Year Six students
- Follow up CPD for teachers
- Supporting resources to extend the learning in the classroom and support students with the transition from primary to secondary education

To learn more and how to apply, please visit The Old Vic website

<https://www.oldvictheatre.com/primary-take-the-lead/>

Hackney Shed is offering all Hackney Schools Drama workshops in the new term. Hackney Shed is well known for teaching young people with disabilities but they also offer programmes to lower income families. They are trying to raise awareness of their offers by giving schools free workshops so that they may not increase their reach to support more families who could also benefit from the fact that there are no fees to attend their after school sessions. Programmes designed to be inclusive for all young

people including those who are disabled and neurodivergent

To book your free taster session email vicki@hackneyshed.org.uk

Sessions are available but we have limited capacity so best to get in touch sooner rather than later.

Hackney Shed also offers : CHILDREN'S THEATRE Ages 7–11 Create and perform original stories. Guided by professional directors, musicians and designers.

YOUTH THEATRE Ages 11–16. Devise original plays with support from professional artists. Explore big ideas through theatre.

YOUNG COMPANY Ages 14–19 Learn acting (film & stage), directing, script writing and more

HACKNEY SHED COLLECTIVE Ages 16–25 Centering young people with additional needs. Explore theatre through rehearsals, films, design and music

No auditions, no barriers, donate what you can

<https://www.hackneyshed.org.uk/>

Chats Palace Arts Centre

Chats Palace Arts Centre, 42-44 Brooksby's Walk, Hackney, London E9 6DF

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/luminous-tales-presents-the-goose-and-mrs-frost-tickets-1477106518359>

Has SEND provision

Age range 9-11

Saturday 11th October 2025

11 am and 2 pm

Somewhere between a fairy tale with a modern twist and a choose-your-own-adventure book brought to life, Lose the Path, Find Your Way is a new participatory show for children aged 9-11 about migration, home, and making your own choices.

Specifically designed for Year 5 and 6 classes

Links to English, Drama and PSHE curriculum

Resource pack with supporting materials for teachers and educators provided

<https://crackingslate.com/losethepathfindyourway>

Date Saturday 18th October

Time 10:30 am - 1 pm (with a potential afternoon show depending on demand)

The Goose and Mrs Frost is a family theatre show told with one performer, a giant pop-up book and paper puppets. It has a seasonal, winter theme drawing on traditional folk tales and is suitable for children aged 3-8 years old and their families. The performance style is highly visual with minimal words making it accessible for a wide range of ages and abilities.

From crisp white paper pages to bright colourful pop-up scenes this show is full of live action and puppetry combined with beautifully illustrated paper theatre and a specially composed soundtrack to tell a heart-warming story about the changes in the seasons, working together to make amends and the transformative power of kindness.

There will be an additional workshop after the show for children and adults who are interested in exploring puppetry and creating their own pop-up storybooks, facilitated by the performer. **Contact : Rebecca Goh producer@chatspalace.com**

<https://chatspalace.com/new-events/>

Immediate Theatre

Immediate Theatre runs eight free weekly youth theatres on Estates across Hackney (during term times). The sessions accommodate young people aged 5-25, including a dedicated session for those people with SEND.

We also run school holiday projects which provide participants with hot food and refreshments, as well as offer AQA accreditation for young people. We regularly submit our young people for achievement awards.

Our inclusive youth theatres are designed to help young people develop their interpersonal skills, artistic abilities, and emotional health & wellbeing. Our projects are delivered within community spaces helping to build community cohesion.

Our activities take place across Hackney and online – please visit our website or contact us for session details.

Our activities take place across Hackney. Below is a list of TERM TIME sessions and their locations:

Mondays - Nightingale

Start Date: Monday 8th of September

Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm

Location: Nightingale Primary School, Tiger Way, E5 8NA

Age: 7 – 12

Huddleston (SEND group)

Start Date: Monday 1st of September

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: 3 Kingsford Row E20 3AX

Age: 12 – 25

Tuesdays - Kingsmead

Start Date: Tuesday 2nd of September

Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm (Kingsmead Youngers)

Age: 5 – 9 (Kingsmead Youngers)

Location: Kingsmead Community Centre, 9A Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Kingsmead Olders)

Age: 10 – 14 (Kingsmead Olders)

Location: Kingsmead Community Centre, 9A Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG

Wednesday (Advance Youth Theatre)

Start Date: Wednesday 3rd of September

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Age: 14+

Location: 10 Andre Street, E8 2AA

Thursday (Pembury)

Start Date: Thursday 4th of September

Time: 3:45pm – 5:15pm

Age: 7 – 12

Location: Pembury Centre, 1 Atkins Square, Dalston Lane, E8 1FA

<https://immediate-theatre.com/work/estate-based-youth-theatres/>

5 – 18 (25 SEND) across our Estate-based Youth Theatres

Term time and School holidays except public holidays and weekends.

Contact :

Kyarna@immediate-theatre.com (School Coordinator) Number – 07944910720

Charmain@immediate-theatre.com (Participation Manager) Number – 07525892953

<https://immediate-theatre.com/work/estate-based-youth-theatres/>

Immediate Theatre also provides school holiday programmes – October, February, and May half terms - as well as the summer holidays. All our programmes are designed to build confidence, creativity, and teamwork through performance and production, as well as help older participants navigate the world of professional work.

Below is a list of our summer holiday projects:

Breakout – Summer Project for Ages 5–11

Breakout is our fun, four-day drama project for children aged 5–11, where participants work together on a script written specifically for their age group. They'll help design their own set and costumes and take part in every stage of the theatre-making process. Through physical theatre techniques, they will explore key themes and reflect on what they would like to be remembered for.

On the fifth day, the project concludes with a live performance for parents, carers, and invited guests. All participants are recognised for their efforts with certificates and accreditation, celebrating their hard work and creativity.

Exposure – Summer Project for Ages 12–18 (up to 25 with SEND)

Exposure is Immediate Theatre's flagship summer programme for young people aged 12–18, and up to 25 for those with SEND. This creative project combines drama, creative writing, and digital media to explore topics relevant to participants' lives.

Working collaboratively, young people will develop their ideas into a thought-provoking and original youth-led production, performed at the end of the summer.

To find out more about our projects including other holiday initiatives, please get in touch.

As well as holiday projects, Immediate Theatre also provides dedicated online sessions (Interactions), for those at risk of school Exclusions.

To find out more about interactions, please contact Charmain -
Charmain@immediate-theatre.com (Participation Manager) Number – 07525892953.



Visit the seaside and countryside

Are you planning visits to the seaside? Here are some ideas for getting your school to the seaside

[Broadstairs Viking Bay](#) - lovely sandy bay with lifeguards on duty and a 11 minute walk from Broadstairs station to the sea with Charles Dickens house overlooking the bay where he wrote David Copperfield. Trains to Broadstairs run from Stratford International Station.

[Margate in Kent](#) has a sandy beach with a tidal pool and nearby free to enter [Dreamland](#) Amusement venue and free [Turner Contemporary](#) Gallery, the beach is 5 minute walk from Margate train station

[Clacton on Sea](#) in Essex has a [pier](#), [wheel](#) and pebbly beach. Direct trains from Stratford to Clacton on Sea, the beach is 13 walk minutes from Clacton station.

[Leigh on Sea](#) in Essex, has a sandy Bell Wharf Beach, the beach is 10 walk minutes from Leigh on Sea station.

[Southend on Sea](#), has nearby [Adventure Island](#) Amusement Park is a 17 minute walk from Southend Train Station.

Visit the Countryside

Designed to encourage access to **National Trust** places, schools can apply for a year's membership which costs £63. It includes free admission and parking at most National Trust properties.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/membership/education-group-access-pass>

Hampstead Heath and Epping Forest

Discover the Magic of Outdoor Learning – All Year Round!

At Epping Forest and Hampstead Heath, we offer hands-on, curriculum-linked workshops for every primary year group. It's a fantastic opportunity for Hackney schools to experience the countryside.

From pond dipping and habitat exploration to orienteering and eco-art, our sessions are designed to boost wellbeing, strengthen connections with nature, and support classroom learning.

Worried about the weather? We have child-sized wellies and waterproof jackets to borrow.

Come join us for a fun, inspiring, and unforgettable outdoor learning experience!

Available throughout the school year

Age Range: Key Stage 2

Flexible timings

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/learning-at-hampstead-heath>

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/learning-in-epping-forest>

SEND provision is available

Funding available:

Schools with a pupil premium rate of 35% or more, SEND schools, and Pupil Referral Units can apply for grants through the School Visits Fund – City of London:

Up to £275 for trips on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays

Up to £325 for trips on Mondays or Fridays

Learn more and apply:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-us/working-with-community/school-visits-fund>

Special Offer for Hackney Schools!

Visit Epping Forest between October half-term 2025 and February half-term 2026 and enjoy:

2 workshops for the price of 1!

This exclusive deal is limited to 10 schools only, so don't miss out!

Offer ends Friday 17th October 2025

It's easy to reach us at Epping Forest: Jump on the Overground to Chingford, then enjoy a short 10-minute walk.

To find out more, have a look at our website, which include our contact details:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/learning-at-hampstead-heath>

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/learning-in-epping-forest>

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Experience Museum

Museum of The Home

Museum of the Home, 136 Kingsland Rd, London E2 8EA

Bring your school group to the museum and discover what home means to you. We offer facilitated creative workshops and self-guided visits for early years, primary, secondary and college groups of up to 30 students with accompanying adults. Workshops help students gain a deeper understanding of home by engaging with issue-based themes, with links to the National Curriculum. Groups take part in a range of activities including discussion-based exploration and art making, with storytelling and play activities for younger students. Sessions include an introduction to Exploring Home; Patterns, Migration & Identity; and Gender, Equality & Activism.

The Museum of the Home on Kingsland Road in Hackney has just launched a new [schools visits offer](#) at the Museum, with a range of facilitated creative sessions exploring home through issue-based themes, available to students from early years up to KS5 and college, alongside their existing self-guided offer.

Workshops are free for schools under 2 miles away from the Museum! Non-fee paying schools over 2 miles away are charged £135+VAT and fee paying schools £185+VAT.

They are keen for local schools to make use of this new offer as they have Tuesday - Friday morning and afternoon slots available and the workshop lasts for 2 hours. You can find all up to date info and booking links on school visits here -

<https://www.museumofthehome.org.uk/visit-us/school-visits/>

For schools under 2 miles from the Museum – please share the discount code **2MILEMOTH** which can be used at checkout to book free of charge. Self-led visits are free of charge to all schools.

If any schools would like to get in touch about booking a visit please email schools@museumofthehome.org.uk

Museum of the Home, 136 Kingsland Rd, London E2 8EA

<https://museumofthehome.org.uk/plan-your-visit/school-visits/>

Age Range EYFS - KS5 & College

Workshops: term time Tuesday - Thursday; Self-led Visits: term time Tuesday - Friday

Workshops: 10am - 12 midday or 1-3pm; Self-led Visits: Tues-Thurs 11am - 12 midday or 2 - 3pm, Fri 10 - 11am or 1 - 2pm

Pricing: Workshops are free for state schools under 2 miles from the Museum, other state schools £135+VAT, fee-paying school £185+VAT. Self-led visits are free to all schools.

More information and booking

<https://museumofthehome.org.uk/plan-your-visit/school-visits/>

For SEND group enquiries or any other questions please email schools@museumofthehome.org.uk

Visit Museums

The British Museum's collection spans more than two million years of human history and culture, all under one roof. Students can engage and experience the unique collection through resources, sessions and gallery visits. With galleries full of objects to support history topics such as ancient Egypt, ancient Greece, British prehistory and Benin, the Museum is the perfect place for children to find out about the past.

Displays highlighting objects from the modern world offer an opportunity to find out about the world around us and inspire communication, artistic and citizenship skills.

Schools can visit the British Museum on Thursday mornings 10am - 12pm

Entry to school mornings is free of charge for school groups who just need to pre-book spaces through the Museum Ticket Team on 020 7323 8181. The Ticket Team will also be able to book space for the school in the school lunch room (subject to availability).

Schools may also book in alongside the general public on other week day dates during term time. You need to pre-book free education tickets with the Ticket Team.

Teachers are also able to book a free CPD ticket to visit exhibitions so that they can visit an exhibition to plan a school visit or for their own knowledge development.

The British Museum has a programme of taught sessions for a SEN students, special schools and additional resource bases linked to the permanent galleries here <https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools/access-and-sen>

If you are interested in booking a session or finding out more please contact Kate Fowler kfowler@rmg.co.uk

Hackney Museum

Visit Hackney Museum for free with your pupils to explore local history! Come on self-led visits to our permanent exhibition which tells stories of local people over the last 1,500 years. Our temporary display in September-November will be about Rise365's young people's campaign for Afro-hair emojis. Play in our barbershop, pie and mash shop and Anglo-Saxon logboat.

Hackney Museum will be open to the public until late November 2025 when we close for refurbishment. From January 2026 we will be delivering interactive sessions in local schools. Email us for more information: museum.bookings@hackney.gov.uk

<https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/schools/>

Email museum.bookings@hackney.gov.uk with enquiries for self-led visits (Sep-Nov 2025) or outreach sessions (from January 2026 onwards)

Self-led visits for all ages

[subscribe to our mailing list](#) to stay up to date on when our bookings open and to find out what opportunities we have coming up.

Hackney Museum - self-led visits (September - November 2025)

In Hackney primary schools - interactive sessions (January-July 2026)

If it's of interest to teachers, we have [free local history talks](#) coming up once a month. We also have a free drop-in embroidery workshop (for all ages and experiences!) on Saturday 29th March 11am-3pm.

Hackney Museum is open to the public Tuesday - Saturday.
Hackney Museum opens at 9.30am. Email us to enquire about availability for self-led visits

Hackney Museum
1 Reading Lane
London
E8 1GQ
<https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/>

SEND provision is available

We have lots of learning resources for schools to explore:
<https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/schools/learning-resources/> In October we will be launching teaching resources about British Reggae's local connections and the BRAFA (British Reggae Artists Famine Appeal) team's charity single 'Let's Make Africa Green Again' as a part of Hackney Council's Black History Season.

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Postal Museum

The Postal Museum tells the story of postal communication and its impact on global society.

<https://www.postalmuseum.org/>

School programmes are offered at a discounted rate / free of charge for state-funded primary schools. Details below:

Sorting Office Maths Challenge outreach sessions in school - £60 per class for primary schools in target boroughs, including Hackney.

<https://www.postalmuseum.org/visit-us/schools/outreach/>

The Jolly Postman virtual sessions - free of charge for all primary schools across the UK

<https://www.postalmuseum.org/visit-us/schools/virtual-learning/>

Natural History Museum

For the latest updates for teachers, Sign up to our teacher's mailing list:

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/teacher-eneews-signup.html>

Imperial War Museum

IWM London, Lambeth Rd, London SE1 6HZ

Age Range Key Stage 2, 3 & 4

Imperial War Museum London tells the story of conflict from 1914 to the present day. School groups can choose to take part in a variety of learning sessions for KS2-KS4.

We Were There is a unique chance for students to meet veterans and eyewitnesses, hearing their personal stories and asking questions.

Documentary Challenge takes students into IWM's galleries to explore objects and tell those stories in their own words.

Specifically, for KS3 & 4 Artists and War and the Holocaust Learning Programme are available to book.

Alternatively, groups can opt to explore the museum on a free self-guided visit.

We Were There: Ask Questions about Conflict - Wednesdays during term time

Documentary Challenge - Weekdays

Artists and War: The Whole Picture - Weekdays. Unavailable on Wednesdays

Holocaust Learning Programme - Weekdays

We Were There: Ask Questions about Conflict - 10.30 am and 12.30 pm

Documentary Challenge - 10.15, 11.30 & 13.00

Artists and War: The Whole Picture - 10.30 am and 12.30 pm (Unavailable Wednesdays)

Holocaust Learning Programme: 10.15, 10.30, 11.15 and 11.30

www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-london/schools

SEND backpacks which are available for students to borrow.

If there are specific SEND needs within the group, the school can contact the museum via our Customer Services Team to discuss the session further.



Experience Theatres

National Theatre

Stream primary age-appropriate productions for age 4-11 year olds including direct to your classroom (perfect for wet weather and upcoming Christmas events) with the National Theatre Primary Collection 15 age appropriate titles from early years to key stage 2 packaged to state schools with teaching resources all for free. Titles include Anansi The Spider, Greek Myths, The Winter's Tale, Phillip Pullman's Grimm Tales and Treasure Island.

You will need your school's 6-digit URN number which can be found [here](#).

<https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/?SelectedTab=Establishments&SearchType=Location>

Only one registration per institution is required and can be shared with all relevant staff to access.

Apply [here](#) for the National Theatre Collection

<https://jcsonlineresources.org/national-theatre-collection-registration-form/>

National Theatre Schools website:

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/learn-explore/schools/>

Sadler's Wells Theatre

'The Little Match Girl' available for free via Sadler's Wells Digital Stage - it's a really high quality filmed dance performance for teachers to share in their classroom and also comes with accompanying teacher resources. Best of all, it's completely free! I would say that it's also suitable for multiple age ranges but particularly KS1 and KS2, SEN pupils, as well as older pupils studying dance and performing arts.

Here's a little more info:

<https://www.sadlerswells.com/digital-stage/the-little-match-girl-schools-resource-pack-registration-form/>

Unicorn Theatre,

At the Unicorn Theatre, our 2025-26 season has an exciting range of shows for young people! Don't miss out on performances of The Three Little Pigs and Anansi the Spider in the Autumn term. Plus, an exciting Christmas treat - How Does Santa Go Down The Chimney?. In 2026, we have an adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream, which will be a perfect way to introduce pupils to the classics. Our summer shows include The Lion Inside, returning to our stage, and a playful adventure called Whatever the Weather. Find out more by getting in touch!

Variety of theatre shows September 2025 to July 2026

Unicorn Theatre, 147 Tooley Street, SE1 2HZ, London United Kingdom

<https://www.unicorntheatre.com/>

A range of shows for Pre School to Key Stage 2

Email schools@unicorntheatre.com

Booking form: <https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/1J1H-1E8Y>



Experience Galleries

Book a free learning session at the **National Portrait Gallery** and choose from their 7 free learning sessions from Significant people: the search for Mary Seacole, What is a portrait?, Meet the Tudors, Migration Stories, Significant Black figures in British history, Making portraits: Mixed Media, Drawing portraits: beyond the pencil.

[Book here](#) and make sure you book at least a month in advance and don't forget you can also [book a free spot in the lunch room here](#)

Autograph Gallery

London Primary and Secondary schools, Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Where : At the school and then at Autograph Gallery in Shoreditch

Dates : Option1 : 10:00 - 11:30 (Wed 8 Oct & Wed 12 Nov)

Option2: 13:00 - 14:30 (Wed 8 Oct & Wed 12 Nov)

Times : 10:00 - 11:30 or 13:00 - 14:30

<https://autograph.org.uk/learn/workshops-tours-and-cpd/identity-photography-and-archives-workshop>

CREATE A POP-UP EXHIBITION IN THE CLASSROOM

Using portraits in Autograph's archive collection as a starting point, this two-part workshop invites KS2 students to explore how histories are collected, shared and created through photography. **CREATE A POP-UP EXHIBITION IN THE CLASSROOM**

Autograph comes to you! In this first workshop, students will curate their own exhibition - using reproductions of photographs of Britain's diverse communities, dating from 1862 to the present.

THINKING ABOUT CREATIVE SELF-REPRESENTATION

Your class comes to Autograph's iconic gallery in Shoreditch for a second workshop. Building on their pop-up exhibition and through guided activities, students will think about their own identities, and how they represent and express themselves creatively.

EXPLORE THE PHOTOGRAPHS TOGETHER

Your students' exhibition remains in the classroom for 5 weeks, inviting teachers, students and the wider school community to engage with the photographs independently.

<https://autograph.org.uk/learn/workshops-tours-and-cpd/school-workshop-exhibition-in-a-b>

Upcoming show by Diane Minnicucci, the inaugural resident artist for Autograph's Visible Practice Residency, a three-year project supporting Artist Teachers from global majority backgrounds in arts education. Fantastic exhibition for both art educators and students to come and see and reflect how teaching influences a teacher's personal practice and vice versa. Read more about the visible practice residency here:

<https://autograph.org.uk/projects-research/visible-practice-residency>

To find out more

Visit Autograph Gallery, Rivington Place, 1 Rivington Pl, London EC2A 3BA

<https://autograph.org.uk/learn/workshops-tours-and-cpd/identity-photography-and-archives-workshop>

Weaving Histories

This 90- minute workshop takes place at Autograph's gallery in East London

Expanding on collage's dynamic interplay with activism and experimentation, Autograph's upcoming exhibition *I Still Dream of Lost Vocabularies* considers how artists have used the photographic image as a tool to reimagine or restage fragmented histories.

Inspired by collage practices featured in the exhibition and rooted in artist-educator Nilupa Yasmin's own practice, this free workshop invites students to explore storytelling and personal history through weaving with photographs. With Yasmin's guidance, students will combine archival and personal photographs to create new meaning through making.

After viewing selected works from the exhibition, students will be introduced to the cultural history and significance of weaving, discussing how craft and photography can come together to explore identity and memory.

There will be a practical activity in which students create a woven artwork using a mix of reproductions of photographs from Autograph's photographic archive collection and a photograph representing themselves. Through combining strips of images and materials, students will produce a personal visual tapestry, weaving new connections between the past, present and future.

<https://autograph.org.uk/learn/workshops-tours-and-cpd/school-workshop-weaving-histories>

option 1 [13:30 - 15:00, 30th Jan 2026]

option 2 [11:00 - 12:30, 6th February 2026]

option 3 [13:30 - 15:00, 6th February 2026]

option 4 [11:00 - 12:30, 13th February 2026]

option 5 [13:30 - 15:00, 13th February 2026]

Times 11:00 - 12:30 or 13:30 - 15:00

Guildhall Art Gallery

Guildhall Art Gallery run school tours

<https://www.thecityofldn.com/article/schools/>

Barbican

The Barbican Centre is home to three art galleries, and has a wide range of exhibitions taking place across the year, encompassing painting, photography, fashion, sculpture, film and more. For details of our current and upcoming exhibitions, please visit <https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/art-design>.

Entry to our Galleries is free for students up to Year 9 (UK), or international equivalents.

A discounted group booking rate of £3 per student is available for older students in formal education groups of 10 or more people, up to the age of 19.

To book for a school or college group of 10 people or more, please email groups@barbican.org.uk. For content advice or other queries about bringing your learners, please get in touch with our schools team via schools@barbican.org.uk
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS

<https://www.barbican.org.uk/take-part/schools-and-colleges>

Free Activities

Barbican Art Gallery exhibitions are suitable for a range of ages, and vary according to the exhibition. For content advice about a particular exhibition, please contact schools@barbican.org.uk

Dates : Throughout the year - more details about individual exhibitions can be found on our website.

Opening times vary, please see <https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/art-design> for more details.

For bookings, please email groups@barbican.org.uk

For other queries, including content advice, please contact schools@barbican.org.uk

Just to say that SEND groups are of course welcome in our exhibitions, but we don't have specific SEND provision in relation to this.

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<https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/art-design>

The content of our Visual Arts programme varies from exhibition to exhibition. We encourage teachers to attend one of our Teacher View events, or contact us for content advice if you have any questions.

Opening times and days vary, please see our website for more information - <https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/art-design>

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This autumn there are three exhibitions taking place across our gallery spaces, encompassing fashion, sculpture and moving image, from leading contemporary and 20th Century artists and makers. For more details about the individual exhibitions, please visit <https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/art-design>

Tickets

Entry to the Curve is free.

Entry to the Art Gallery and Level 2 exhibition space is free for students up to Year 9 (UK), or international equivalents. A discounted group booking rate of £3 per student is available for older students in formal education groups of more than 10 people, up to the age of 19.

If you'd like to book for your class, please email groups@barbican.org.uk. For content advice, or any other questions about bringing your learners, please email schools@barbican.org.uk

SEND provision is available

Dirty Looks - Teacher View

From ruined romantic evening gowns to faux-stained jeans, mud-splashed dresses and upcycled outfits, the fashion world has never been dirtier. Dirty Looks explores how dirt and decay have been used to defy beauty standards, and why it's going through a resurgence in young designers' work. As a counterpoint to glossy digital perfection, these artistic practices point us to a new way of thinking about a sustainable fashion future.

This event just for teachers includes free entry to the exhibition and an introduction from a member of our curatorial team. There'll be an opportunity to meet and connect with fellow educators, and to find out more about our Schools programmes.

Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London, EC2Y 8DS

This is an event for teachers and educators of all subjects and Key Stages who would benefit from an introduction to the Dirty Looks exhibition and exploring classroom and curriculum connections.

Barbican Centre

Thu 9 Oct 2025

Time : 16:30 - 18:30

<https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2025/event/teacher-view-dirty-looks>

This event is free but booking is required. To book, please email schools@barbican.org.uk

SEND provision is available



Experience Heritage Sites

Cutty Sark

Free event for state-funded schools

Sailor day at **Cutty Sark** (KS2)

Come on board and join us for a fun half day of practical sailor skills. Activities include rope making, knot tying, moving the ship and learning a sea shanty!

Thursday 12 June 2025 10:15-12:00 or 12:30-14:15

For more information and to book email vbeswick@rmg.co.uk

Barbican

Did you know that the Barbican has a series of free Schools Screenings?

<https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/series/school-screenings>

All events are free, booking required by emailing schools@barbican.org.uk

Our Schools Conservatory days offer a range of activities for Key Stage 1 upwards

Barbican Conservatory

Explore our living classroom! Book a free workshop or a self-led visit (subject to availability), when the Conservatory is open exclusively for school and college groups.

Key Stage 2 students can explore different habitats with theatre-makers GeoTone, whilst learners from KS3 upwards will write their own eco-poetry with poet and educator Esme Allman. You can also book a slot to deliver your own lesson content, or respond to some of our creative writing and drawing prompts.

6th Oct 2025, 10th Nov 2025, 17th Nov 2025, 2nd Feb 2026, 2nd Mar 2026, 16th Mar 2026, 8th Jun 2026, 22nd Jun 2026, 29 Jun 2026
Times Various

Please visit <https://www.barbican.org.uk/take-part/schools-and-colleges> for more information, and details of how to book. We operate a number of booking windows throughout the year - please note that spaces are limited, and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

For any questions about bringing your learners to visit the Barbican, please contact schools@barbican.org.uk.

SEND provision available



Take Part in Camping Trips and Residentials

Discover The Hive: An Unforgettable Outdoor Learning Experience for all Schools
Are you seeking to enrich your students' learning with immersive, hands-on experiences in nature? The Hive, nestled in the heart of Epping Forest, offers

exceptional educational programs designed to bring the environmental curriculum to life.

Why Choose The Hive?

Our seasoned Environmental Education Officers lead a variety of engaging outdoor activities, focusing on climate action and ecological awareness. Students can participate in 'meet the animals' sessions, exploring diverse creatures and understanding the challenges facing their habitats.

We have new camping pods and facilities to offer overnight residential visits and, for these, Hackney schools may be able to utilise public transport to reach Chingford Station. Our team can meet your group at the station, guiding you on this enriching journey. This approach not only reduces transportation costs but also offers students an early connection with nature.

Plan Your Visit <https://thehiveintheforest.co.uk/education> or contact thehive@walthamforest.gov.uk

Leaside

Leaside offers a rich schools programme that combines outdoor adventure, physical activities with environmental learning. Based on the River Lea, pupils take part in paddlesports such as kayaking and paddleboarding, as well as cycling, hiking, and nature-based activities. The provision supports the national curriculum through experiential learning in geography, science, and physical education, while also building teamwork, resilience, and confidence. Sessions are tailored to different age groups and abilities, ensuring inclusivity for all students. With a focus on safety, fun, and personal growth, Leaside provides schools with memorable opportunities to connect young people to nature, history, and active outdoor lifestyles.

Address : Leaside, 34 Spring Lane, Hackney E5 9HQ

Website www.leaside.org.uk

Age Range : We offer multiple key stages depending on group

Where : Based on or around the River Lea with trips and residential

Activities : Offer exercise, bike riding, residential and visits to countryside

Dates : Ongoing

Website <https://leaside.org.uk/activities-for-schools/>

Barbican

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The Into Film Festival offers screenings for a wide range of ages, please see the Into Film website for more details about individual screenings.

Book on to one of the Barbican's free film screenings for schools and colleges, presented as part of the Into Film Festival. Over the two days, we will be showing a range of live action and animated films, for different Key Stages.

The Into Film Festival is the largest free, annual, UK-wide celebration of film, providing memorable cinema experiences for children and young people aged 5-19.

Date : 19th and 20th November 2025

Activity : Various

Bookings go live on the 10th September, and are always very popular. Visit the Into Film website (<https://www.intofilm.org/festival>) to sign up as an educator, receive a notification when bookings open, and ensure you're all set to book for your class.

SEND provision is available



Learn to Ride a Bike

Bikeability is the nationally recognised cycle training programme and is about acquiring the practical skills to cycle safely and with confidence on today's roads.

- learn to control your bike in a safe, off-road environment
- cycle safely on the road with other traffic on quieter roads
- cycle on busier roads and manage complex junctions in London.

Schools can book bikeability classes by emailing laura@cycleconfident.com

<https://hackney.gov.uk/cycle-training>

Families can also gain bike confidence and learn skills to cycle as a family with a free family cycling session. In the session a qualified instructor will teach you how to cycle with children aged 7 or over, using quiet routes and parks. These sessions offer the opportunity to build on, or prepare for Bikeability skills taught in schools. Adult and Children bikes are provided [Click here to book free lessons in Hackney Downs](#)

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Take Part in Debating

Newswise - The Guardian

Sign Up now to take part in Newswise free Summer classes which are **FREE**
The Guardian's NewsWise is an award winning package of news literacy for children in key stage 2. They provide free lesson plans, workshops and other resources to schools with a free school meal rate above the national average. They are currently offering free speakers to come along to teacher network meetings to share the NewsWise joy as well as share their resources and ways they can support teachers.
Email newswise@theguardianfoundation.org

[Newswise](#) work with journalists from a wide range of news organisations, including the Guardian, Reuters, BBC and more and are from a variety of roles in the newsroom including a reporter, an editor, radio and TV news producers. You can sign up for a virtual visit to the classroom from a journalist and bring the newsroom into your classroom. Put a journalist in the hot seat and get your class/year group to ask them questions. Places are offered on a first come first -served basis so don't miss your chance!

[Book your free virtual journalist visit here](#)

Sign up to Topical Talk from The Economist

The Economist Education supports schools with free resources to support children in key stage 2 to have weekly classroom discussions about the news. Designed by teachers, these resources help students think critically in an age of fake news and debate the big questions facing our world. The resources are packed full of debating opportunities that encourage learners to think for themselves and find their voice on contestable questions about what's happening in the world. Activities help get everyone talking at once and more sustained debating opportunities let them get lost in juicy, energetic arguments. Questions always have reasonable points on either side, which removes the fear of "getting it wrong" and improves students' confidence. Teachers can sign up to their [free Topical Talk account](#).



Use a Library

All Hackney Libraries

Bring your class on a one off or regular visit to your local library. Borrow books and have a storytime with one of our staff.

Weekdays in term time

10am- 12.00 & 10am - 3pm

Email addresses for each library are on Love Hackney

<https://www.lovehackney.uk/regular-activities>

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/use-a-library>

Visit the 10x10 website to find information on your school's local library

Hackney Schools can offer:

- Library class sign up and introduction for reception and key stage 1
- Storytime for nurseries, reception EYFS and KS1
- Independent visits - choose and borrow books

Timeslots are

Morning - 10am-10.30am, 11am to 11.30am & 11.30am - 12pm

Afternoon - 2pm to 2.30pm & 2.30pm - 3pm

Booking by phone or email is essential for all class library visits

Please note that Hackney Libraries offer a range of books in different languages spoken by families in Hackney.

Other Fabulous local organisations

Ministry of Stories, 159 Hoxton St, N1 6PJ

ministryofstories.org/schools/

In a creative writing space through a portal behind the Hoxton St Monsters Supplies Shop

Term time morning workshop sessions, Tuesdays - Fridays

10.30am - 12.30pm

Each workshop is a 2 hour creative writing session for up to 30 pupils/students, including Story Making and Poetry Makers workshops for younger pupils, and Gothic Fiction and Comic Books for older groups

Our workshops are designed to help get young people buzzing about writing through the power of their imagination. All sessions are led by experienced writer facilitators.

Contact: schools@ministryofstories.org

Mouth That Roars - Film making and watching films

MTR Studio 23, 29 Waterson St E2 8HT

<https://mouththatroars.com/>

Age 10-12 years 13-25 (SEND)

Dates : Every Tuesday 5-8pm - (SEND only)

Every Wednesday 4-6pm 10-12 years (Inclusive)

Every Saturday 1-5pm (Inclusive)

Film making sessions. Young people get to produce drama, animation, music vids, documentaries... learning all aspects of film making and we regularly run cultural trips - every is free

Contact email : mouthatthatroars@btconnect.com

[@mouth_that_roars](#) (insta)

Mouth That Roars run outreach sessions, contact if you would like us to come and run sessions in your area