

FAQ

What happened to the old Saturday Art Club?

Abbot Hall art gallery has relaunched Saturday Art Club so that they are now bookable creative sessions for kids. They will learn new artistic skills using a variety of different materials and techniques. A lot of these sessions will be messy and allow children to experiment with art. We also want to hear children's responses to our exhibitions and their ideas about the artworks they are creating, so we will showcase all participants' artwork on display for visitors to the gallery.

Who is running these sessions?



Alex Blackmore

Alex Blackmore is a Cumbrian artist and workshop leader.

In recent years Alex's practice has included outdoor carnival artworks; his masks, puppets & fire sculptures have been used at Kendal calling, Burslem Picnic, Penrith drovers, Ulverston Lantern festival, Dalton Carnival and several seasonal events in South Cumbria.

His mixed media paintings have been exhibited at Lancaster City museum as well as various venues in Cumbria and Lancashire.

Alex recently finished a sculptural commission for a show at the Lit & Phill in Newcastle.

How long does each session last for?

Each session will last for 3 hours, from 10.30 - 1.30 pm, which includes a 15-minute snack break.

What is the course content?

- Week 1: Mask Making
- Week 2: a simple paper collage inspired by the sketch works of John Ruskin. Focusing on colour, perspective & balance of the piece.

- Week 3: mixed media collage inspired by the works of J.M.W Turner. This will focus on texture, space & depth.
- Week 4 & 5: The last two sessions would be developing a 3D piece, divided into two stages. The construction of deep cardboard frame & then the dressing of the frame with a vignette collage informed by the work of one of the featured artists.

Can parents/guardians join in?

Due to the active nature of the sessions, we ask that parents/guardians only join in towards the end of the session at 1pm. Our staff can tell you where Art Club will be if your child requires an early pick-up or if you would like to observe the session.

Where do I turn up for Art Club?

Please arrive at Abbot Hall art gallery at 10.30am, where a member of the Learning team can sign you in and direct you to the beginning of the session.

Where will the snack break be?

The snack break will be in our learning LAB.

What kinds of snacks will you provide?

We will provide water and squash for refreshments, alongside rich tea biscuits and fresh fruit. Please inform us if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements and we are happy to accommodate their needs.

What if we can only attend some sessions?

We are offering this new course at a special discounted rate for families to try out these new sessions. You can book for just 1 session on 8th June for £5, and if your child wants to come back you can book for the next 4 on the 15th, 22nd, 29th June and 6th July for £20.

Can children take their work home?

After children complete their artwork at the end of each session, they can take their pieces home. Their final pieces made on the 6th July will be exhibited throughout May half term in a pop-up display in the gallery, after which they can take them home.

What is access in the gallery like?

Please read the Access Statement available on our website:
<https://www.abbothall.org.uk/visit/access-statement>

Will there be another Art Club?

The next course of sessions will run for 5 weeks, from September

Where can I find more information?

For more information, please email learning@lakelandarts.org.uk where we will do our best to answer your query.