

Explore Arts Award at West Berkshire Museum

Summer 2023



Dear parent/guardian/carer,

You are considering doing or have chosen to do your child's Explore Arts Award at West Berkshire Museum this summer.

Arts Award supports young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. We want to inspire children and young people to enjoy the arts. We offer the chance to develop creativity, communication and leadership skills, and get recognised Arts Awards national qualifications. Arts Award is offered at five levels and this Award, Explore, is the second level of the arts adventure; we suggest the Museum's summer programme would be suitable for

7-12 year olds. More information about the Arts Award can be found here: <https://www.artsaward.org.uk/>

West Berkshire Museum is an Arts Award centre, which means we can run and administer the Arts Award, and we are currently able to offer Arts Awards at the Discover and Explore levels. This summer we are offering the Arts Award Explore only. *The Award can be achieved through as few as 3 visits to the Museum or, once inspired, as many visits as you wish!* This summer's programme is a combination of one Messy Museum drop-in session, two led workshops and a self-led project that gives your child the opportunity to dictate how they wish to complete the log book and explore the arts, within the framework overleaf.

Please note: before signing up to this Award, please ensure you can attend the two led workshop dates: Thursday 27th July (10am-1pm), Thursday 31st August (10am-1pm). An adult must accompany and stay with the child/ren at both workshops. Please bring the log book to every workshop.

To get your Arts Award Explore information pack, please go to the West Berkshire Museum and pay the fee of £30 (one information pack is required for each child doing the Arts Award). The fee of £30 is to cover the cost of the log book, Messy Museum drop-in session, workshop craft materials (and craft pack), external moderation (by Trinity College, London) and the *certificate.

The information pack contains:

- This information letter (with advice on how to complete the Award, overleaf)
- Roman-themed craft pack
- Arts Award Explore log book (with assessment sheet on back cover) and activity sheets

*The fee also includes the cost of posting your marked log book and certificate to you. NO REFUNDS available for an incomplete or non-submitted log book. You only receive a refund if the Arts Award Explore fails to run this summer for whatever reason.

Please ask at the museum reception for the Arts Award packs (available from 31 May). Places are limited. For more information about this specific programme, please contact Clare Bromley: clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk

Advice on how to complete the Arts Award Explore log book

Front cover (page 1): Complete your child's full name (as you wish it to appear on the certificate); postal and email addresses; date of birth; gender; and a contact telephone number of a parent/guardian/carers. Read pages 2 and 3.

Part A: Inspire. *Please note: some of the log books have a slightly different format so please ask if uncertain how to complete.* Page 4: Say what art you like, what you'd like to do and what you're good at, e.g. "I like the Romans, so I am looking forward to taking part in both Roman craft activities during the led workshops (mosaic and wall painting) and to making the craft pack. Luckily I am good at design (mosaics) and painting (wall painting)". *You may like to stick in a photo, draw, doodle or paint in the space to show your skills in these areas.*

Page 5: Give details of at least two crafts you plan to do (during the **workshops** and/or the **craft pack** included with this pack). You will make a Roman mosaic and wall painting at the **led workshop on Thursday 27th July (Part B)**.

Pages 6-9: Draw or stick in images of you taking part in the crafts. *Don't forget to say what you found inspiring about taking part on **pages 7 and 9!** This is what you learned and enjoyed the most.* Staple in the completed 'Roman mosaics' and 'Roman wall paintings' activity sheets.

Messy Museum session: to book a place on one of the Messy Museum drop-in session (part of the fee for this Award), please email Clare Bromley with your preferred date: clare.bromley@westberkshire.gov.uk
For details of the contents of the Messy Museum sessions, please go to: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Part B: Explore

Page 10: You can choose to complete this in several ways. You can use the activity sheet 'Find out about the Museum and a job in it' to prepare questions to ask a museum professional, and/or you can find out about any artist (alive or dead). You will get an opportunity to interview a museum professional at one of the led workshop dates. These are: **Thursday 27th July – 10am to 1pm; Thursday 31st August – 10am to 1pm.**

We ask that you attend **both** led workshops as we'll be doing crafts and other activities that will help you to complete the log book, and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions you have about completing your log. Page 11: You can choose any arts organisation to write about, but we suggest the Museum as we will briefly cover this topic in one of the led workshops.

Page 12-15: Include more information about the arts organisation and/or artist here and staple in your completed 'Find out about the Museum and a job in it/Explore the Museum' activity sheet.

Part C: Create

Page 16/17: You need to create a final art piece. Say what you are going to create, what with and how long it will take as well as how you created it. You might like to say what inspired you, what you learned and enjoyed the most, and take photos of each stage of the creation process. At the **second** led workshop (Thursday 31st August) at the Museum you will create your final art piece. Page 18/19: Take a photo of your completed final artwork and put in the log.

Part D: Present

Page 20/21: Complete these pages and include information about the pop-up exhibition you mounted at West Berkshire Museum on **Thursday 31st August – 10am to 1pm**. Stick in any pictures you have of the pop-up exhibition. You can also staple in your 'Exhibition panel' activity sheet.

REMEMBER: please bring your log book and any artwork you've created at the 27th July workshop, Messy Museum Day and at home (craft pack), if you've not kept the artwork and crafts at the Museum.

Page 23: Extra space for anything you cannot include elsewhere.

If you have any questions about the Award and/or your log book, please contact Clare Bromley:

clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk If necessary, we can always arrange a meeting (in person or via Zoom/Teams).

When completed, please bring your log book to West Berkshire Museum for submission for Arts Award Explore moderation and certification. Make sure you put all details on the front of the log book, page 1.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK COVER ASSESSMENT SHEET by signing that the log book is your own work.

A log book must be submitted (to the Museum and marked for the attention of Clare Bromley) on or before 23rd September 2023 as this summer's candidates need to be sent as a group for moderation and certification. It may take 8-12 weeks after this date for you to receive your certificate and log book. Any log books submitted after this date will have to wait to be processed with the next group, which may not be until autumn 2024.

Good luck with your arts journey of discovery!