

Lyric



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's Local Cultural Education Partnership

*A creative and cultural childhood for all children and young people
in Hammersmith & Fulham.*

LBHF Schools' Arts Charter

We the schools of Hammersmith and Fulham commit to...

- Value creativity as an essential life skill that enables all children and young people to thrive professionally, personally, socially and economically in the modern world.
- Promote the value and importance of creativity in supporting the personal resilience, happiness and wellbeing of all our pupils.
- Harness the power of creativity and the arts to create equal opportunity for disadvantaged and socially excluded children and young people.
- Embrace the Cultural Inclusion Manifesto and ensure that we 'always place the young person at the center of the experience' and 'value their input and empower them to participate in order to ensure maximum engagement'.
(Cultural Inclusion Manifesto, 2019)
- Promote a lifelong love for creative learning and enjoyment of arts and culture in all our pupils by offering them the opportunity to experience the arts and create their own creative work.
- Enhance the cultural lives of all children and young people that go to school in the borough by embedding creativity, the arts and culture in a broad curriculum.
- Collaborate with cultural organisations to ensure that all our pupils gain knowledge of a range of different creative art forms that they may never have previously experienced.
- Up-skill teachers through CPD and external learning to broaden their creative practice and instil confidence in them.
- Generate a 'pupil experience guarantee' which outlines a set of guaranteed cultural experiences for every child in our school at each key stage/phase of their education.

Purpose and Principles

The LBHF Schools' Arts Charter will...

- Act as a creative learning 'kite mark' indicating that all pupils in participating schools have the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills, understanding and experience of a broad range of high-quality creative practices and that the positive impact of these will be celebrated and validated both internally and externally.
- Demonstrate an active commitment from participating schools to working with a broad range of cultural organisations to provide and deliver high-quality creative, arts and cultural education for all pupils.
- Clarify each participating school's commitment to a 'full curriculum' which offers pupils the opportunity for 'broader development, enabling them to develop and discover their interests and talents' and amass 'the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life' (Ofsted Inspection Framework, 2019)
- Celebrate, promote and advocate children and young people's long-term engagement with creativity, arts and culture throughout their life-time.

Why should my school sign the LBHF Schools' Arts Charter?

- By signing up to the Schools' Arts Charter you are signaling a commitment from the head teacher, board of governors, senior leadership, teachers, parents and pupils to creativity, arts and cultural education in your school.
- The Schools' Arts Charter a creative quality standard for all schools and education settings in Hammersmith and Fulham. It encourages all schools to embed arts and culture within their curriculum and to define their commitment to the arts in their ethos and core values.
- The Schools' Arts Charter promotes a lifelong love for creative learning and enjoyment of arts and culture for all students whilst acknowledging creativity as an essential life skill that enables all children and young people to thrive professionally, personally, socially and economically in the modern world.

What opportunities will my school get?

All participants receive:

- 2 tickets to see any show at the Lyric between March - August 2020
- Access to a specialist framework with which to assess your school's arts offer and bring it in line with the new Ofsted framework (2019)
- Priority booking for the LBHF Schools Arts' Festival which, for a fee of £250, offers over £700 worth of in-kind support for creative learning within your school. This includes a CPD session at the Lyric in March 2020, 8 in-school creative workshops (for 60 pupils) run by a professional arts practitioner (June 2020) and support sharing this work as a part of the Festival in July.
- 2 tickets to attend the Young Lyric Education Conference (July 2020) which includes creative learning CPD sessions for primary teachers .
- Opportunity to begin your Artsmark journey with assistance from A New Direction.

'What is the 'Schools' Arts Charter'

The Schools' Arts Charter is...

- A public facing official document and commitment to whole school creative learning in the form of a 'pupil experience guarantee' (PEG) (see below). Significantly the charter is endorsed by the LBHF Council, the Primary Learning Partnership, key cultural organisations in the borough, A New Direction and Artsmark.
- A creative quality standard for all schools and education settings in Hammersmith and Fulham. It encourages all schools to embed arts and culture within their curriculum and to define their commitment to the arts in their ethos and core values.
- A way of promoting a lifelong love for creative learning and enjoyment of arts and culture for all students whilst acknowledging creativity as an essential life skill that enables all children and young people to thrive professionally, personally, socially and economically in the modern world.
- The cornerstone of the LBHF's Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP) strategy, and its purpose is to galvanize support from leaders within the local authority, educators and cultural organisations to ensure ***A creative and cultural childhood for all children and young people in Hammersmith & Fulham.***
- The LBHF Schools' Arts Charter sets the foundation for the Artsmark accreditation demonstrating commitment to the award's criteria as listed:
 - The arts as a key element of school's ethos
 - Leadership for the arts
 - Arts established and embedded in the curriculum
 - A commitment to equality and inclusion through its guarantee for all students

What is a 'pupil experience guarantee' (PEG)?

- A 'pupil experience guarantee' is a document which pin-points what your school will do in the following academic year to meet the ambitions of the Schools' Arts Charter.
- Any creative/arts activities undertaken across each year should be accounted for in the guarantee in addition to any new proposals.
- The process of writing the guarantee could highlight opportunity for development. At this point we would encourage schools to consult phase leaders and teachers in order to plan additional creative activity.
- Download the sample PEG from the LBHF Schools' Arts Charter homepage.