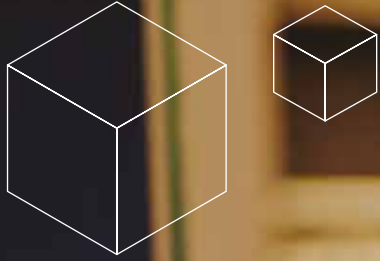




Schools Programme

The Box



Hello!

The Box is an ambitious new cultural organisation in Plymouth. It is part museum, gallery and archive and a social space for art, people and objects. Learning is at the heart of our ethos, and we offer a wide-ranging programme for formal and educational groups. Through our blend of historic collections and contemporary exhibitions, we support people to be creative and curious about the world around them, exploring the past in order to imagine new futures.

Inspired by the two million objects in our collections, our expert-led workshop sessions have been co-designed with schools to offer the best learning experience. Sparking discussion and debate, they connect directly to your classroom topics across the curriculum.

For the full programme and further learning opportunities visit our website and join our learning mailing list.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to an unforgettable experience!

You can use this brochure to find out about some of our staff highlighted workshops, digital teaching resources and loanboxes that are available for schools and educational groups at The Box.



‘Inspiring, engaging and thought provoking... we believe that The Box is a ‘must use’ resource for educators.’
Participating teacher

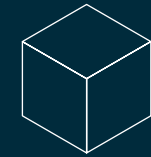


Five ways a workshop at The Box improves your students' outcomes

Our workshops support your students' progress and outcomes. We believe in the power of art and history to shape and change the world around us, and our expert team want to share that inspiration with your students.

- 1** Support students' access to lifelong learning by enhancing the experiences and opportunities available to them.
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- 2** Develop your students' enquiry, oracy and critical thinking skills, enriching their progression and championing their Cultural Capital.
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- 3** Enhance your curriculum teaching with memorable activities and experiences that can't be replicated in the classroom.
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- 4** Access historical objects and original sources of evidence that aren't on display to the public.
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- 5** Enjoy use of the Simmons Learning Room and galleries as a relaxed base for your workshops and lunch space.
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A typical day for schools at The Box



Bring 30 students

Arrival
Welcome: You'll be greeted at the door by your workshop facilitator for the day. Drop your bags in your reserved bag drop box and get ready to explore The Box.

Morning
Your workshop: Take part in your booked workshop, with hands on activities guided by our expert facilitators.

Lunch
Enjoy lunch in our Simmons Learning Room, to fuel up for the rest of the day.

Afternoon
In the galleries: Explore The Box's galleries with one of our expert facilitators and experienced volunteers.

Bring 60 students

Group 1	Group 2
Arrival Welcome	Arrival Welcome
Morning Your workshop	Morning Guided gallery visit

Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon Guided gallery visit	Afternoon Your workshop

Bring 90 or 120 students

The Box can accommodate up to 120 students, or four classes, per day. Email us to arrange larger group visits via TheBoxLearning@plymouth.gov.uk

SEND

(Special educational needs and disabilities)

Our SENSational sessions for students include those with profound and multiple disabilities and ASC and are open to a range of educational groups.

Co-designed with SEN teachers, students and specialists, the sessions use all the senses to allow your students to engage with The Box's galleries, displays and resources. The one hour session can include two activities and can be bespoke to meet individual needs and curriculums.

Staff highlight:

Plymouth is My Home

Ages 3-16

Session length: 1 Hour

15-20 students maximum.

Price: £5 per student

This session focuses on what makes our local area special by looking at some of the everyday aspects of your students' lives. It encourages them to compare these with similar aspects in the past by exploring The Box's galleries focusing on the theme of Plymouth 'then and now'.

EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage



Start your group on a lifelong journey of awe and wonder, with an in-gallery session for our youngest visitors. Our EYFS/Reception level sessions capture the excitement of visiting a museum and gallery for the first time. Sessions are tailored to your needs for learning levels and break times.



Staff highlight:

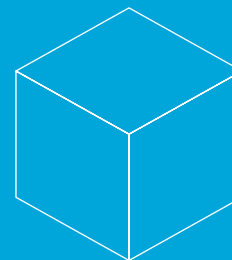
Science and Species: Marine Life

Session length: 1 hour

Price: £5 per student
(minimum 30 students)

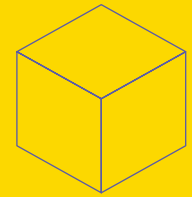
Take a look under water - which species have made Plymouth their home over thousands of years? From tiny plankton to enormous whales, this sensory journey of songs, rhymes and remarkable experiments will introduce your group to the science behind the species that have populated Plymouth.

Curriculum focus: Communication and Language, Understanding the World, Mathematics.



Primary visits - ages 5-11

Our workshops are perfect for children at Key Stage 1 and 2, giving your students skills in scientific, historic and artistic enquiry. Our curriculum-linked sessions are hands-on and participatory and accommodate a range of learning styles.



Staff highlight:

Toys (STEM/STEAM) - KS1

Session length: 1 hour
Price: £5 per student
(minimum 30 students)

In this session, your students begin a lifelong journey of learning through experimentation, discovering how toys are made and then conceiving, designing and testing their own.

Curriculum focus: STEAM/STEM

WWII and the Blitz in Plymouth - KS2

Session length: 1 hour
Price: £5 per student
(minimum 30 students)

There's been a cover up! It's 1941 and the Blitz in Plymouth has had a devastating effect on the city, but no journalists are reporting it. Can your students become detectives and use real objects and archives to uncover the truth of how the Blitz impacted Plymouth?

Curriculum focus: British History, Local History

Plymouth's Polar Explorers - KS2

Session length: 1 hour
Price: £5 per student
(minimum 30 students)

Museums are vocabulary rich environments and can inspire writing through engaging all the senses. In this session, your students encounter Robert Falcon Scott's Polar expeditions and the objects and items he took with him, to imagine the experience and develop their own writing.

Curriculum focus: Literacy, History



Secondary visits - ages 11-16

Our workshops support and develop your students' skills to enable them to become independent learners across a range of curriculum areas. Hands-on and creative activities will springboard them to their next stage of learning.

Staff highlight:

Britain after 1945 - KS3-4

Session length: 1 hour

Price: £5 per student

(minimum 30 students)

How did Britain and Plymouth change after the end of World War II, and what impact does this have today? Through activities framed around enquiry questions, your students discover how Plymouth became the multi-cultural city it is today.

Curriculum focus: History, PSHE

Transatlantic Slavery and Abolition - KS3-4

Session length: 1 hour

Price: £5 per student

(minimum 30 students)

The first ship that transported human cargo from Africa and across the Atlantic left from Plymouth. In a series of activities delivered with sensitivity and respect, your students will encounter objects related to the history of the transatlantic slave trade, as well as the role that people in Plymouth played in its abolition.

Curriculum focus: History

Artist facilitators



Give your class the chance to work with a practising artist, to explore our visual arts displays and develop their own creative responses.

Our artist facilitator sessions use Philosophy 4 Children and Visual Thinking Strategy techniques to empower every student to explore and reflect on the visual arts. Students become contemporary artists themselves, developing their ideas into artistic responses to take back to the classroom. There's no need for previous experience of contemporary or visual art – our sessions use our nationally recognised collections as inspiration or work with you to delve deeper into a subject that you are exploring at school.

Primary, Secondary

Session length: 1 Hour

Price: £5 per student

(minimum 30 students)

Curriculum Focus: Art and Design, English, Cultural Capital



Online Resources

Dive deeper into our collection of over two million outstanding objects, breathtaking works of art and mind-blowing scientific specimens, through exploring our online resources.

Our free online resources support key curriculum and topic areas, with more being launched every term. Find films, image banks, animations and more by visiting our online resources page at www.theboxplymouth.com

The Falklands Conflict - KS3-4

Explore the historical events that led to the 74 day conflict in 1982, and Plymouth's response using this resource. Documenting Plymouth Dockyard and the Royal Marine Commandos' involvement, it includes archival images and classroom activities to support your teaching.

Suitable for: History, Local History

Staff highlight:

Votes for Women in Plymouth: Schools Online Course – KS2-5

Session length: 1 hour

Price: £5 per student
(minimum 30 students)

Use this online course to learn how people in Plymouth fought to win the vote for women as part of the suffragette movement, learning about activism along the way. With archival material and activities, you'll explore how people fight for what they believe in, and how protest impacts change.

Suitable for: Local History, History, PSHE

Loan Boxes



Bring history, science and art to life in your classroom, by hiring one of our Loan Boxes.

Our Loan Boxes include real and replica objects, archive material and film covering a range of curriculum linked topics. Inspiring discussion starters or enhancers for your classroom teaching, they all come with teacher notes to help you to get the most out of them.

Cost: £20 per week
Collection only



Arts Award

The Box is an Arts Award Supporter and Arts Mark Partner. Our collections and exhibitions, expertise and resources can help your students achieve their Arts Award. Our expert staff are trained to deliver Arts Award so all of our workshops can contribute to your pupils' portfolios.

Visit our website to see how we can support completion of your students' portfolios, or how your class can achieve Arts Award at The Box.

www.theboxplymouth.com

Booking made easy

We want you to have the best experience, from the minute you book to post-visit inspiration.

1

Booking with ease: to discover our full range of workshops and book your session visit www.theboxplymouth.com or scan the QR Code.

2

Dedicated coach drop-off and schools entrance
Located on North Hill with easy access to the Simmons Learning Room.

3

Dedicated bag-drop and reserved lunch space
Secure bag-drops and lunch space away from the bustle of our public galleries.

4

All the details you need
From pre-visit info to post-visit inspiration, including a Teacher's Hazard Assessment to support your risk assessment and visit planning.



Sign up to our learning newsletter for news on forthcoming exhibitions, projects for schools and teacher's events.



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