



Wolverhampton Primary School Art Development Programme 2026-27



Is your school ready for the new art and design curriculum?



What is the Primary Art Development Programme?

We are looking for 20 pioneering Wolverhampton primary schools to pilot a bespoke school improvement programme that is the first of its kind in the UK. Schools will benefit from a comprehensive offer of practical teacher development opportunities designed to improve curriculum design, enhance classroom teaching and grow a purposeful enrichment offer that meets National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements and supports school improvement plans.

Why work with Arts Connect?

Arts Connect are a skilled and dedicated team of art teaching specialists with over 20 years experience of working with schools in the Black Country. We design and deliver bespoke teacher CPD and school improvement programmes that enhance the quality and breadth of the art education and enrichment experiences of children.

“ *Engaging, informative & inspiring!* ”

Programme Offer

Schools will benefit from accessing:

- An art lead CPDL programme - up to 3.5 days in person and online focused on developing high quality subject leadership, curriculum design, teaching and enrichment
- In school advisory and support sessions - up to 3 days bespoke support and guidance for art leads and teachers
- Essential art teaching skills CPD programme - up to 6 days development for art leads, teaching and support staff
- A city art teacher network - online and in-person opportunities to share, connect and showcase teacher and pupil work



To discuss how joining the programme could benefit your school/MAT contact becky.thompson@artsconnect.co.uk

Through high quality art teaching schools will enhance their provision of:
Inclusion • Oracy • Personal Development • Enrichment • Parental Engagement

Programme Details and Key Dates

Art Lead CPDL Programme and in school Advisory Support Sessions.

Through a progressive programme of CPDL, advisory and support sessions, art leads and teachers will be provided with the tools, support and connections required to create and action a bespoke and ambitious whole school art development plan.

Art Lead CPDL Programme

- Building an ambitious art curriculum: Thursday 12th November 2026 9am-12pm
- Development priorities and planning for action: Tuesday 26th January 2027 3.45-5pm (Online)
- Sharing your curriculum vision and leading teacher CPD: Thursday 22nd April 2027 9am-12pm
- Development priority progress and planning for next year: Friday 9th July 2027: 9am-12pm

Plus 3 days in-school bespoke advisory and support sessions.

Essential Art Teaching Skills CPD

All sessions will be full day in person sessions in Wolverhampton and suitable for art leads, teachers and support staff.

- Developing Sketchbook Practice: Friday 20th November 2026
- Teaching Drawing: Tuesday 11th February 2027
- Teaching Painting: Friday 19th March 2027
- Teaching Visual Literacy: Tuesday 20th April 2027
- Teaching Sculpture: Wednesday 26th May 2027
- Teaching Printing and Textiles: Friday 25th June 2027



Introductory Programme Cost 2026/7

Wolverhampton Primary School Art Programme Details	Introductory Cost 2026/7
• 3.5 days Art Lead CPDL sessions (online and in-person) • 3 days in-school advisory support • 6 x Essential Art Teaching CPD sessions (1 member of staff per session)	£2000



Find out more about Arts Connect [here](#)



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