

# NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUB

The National Saturday Club is a unique educational model which has four core elements: the weekly classes, the London Visit, the Masterclasses and the Summer Show. The year-long programme is designed to introduce members to a range of disciplines within the subject area and demonstrate the pathways that exist to further and higher education as well as rewarding careers.

The Saturday Club at Coventry University offers Club members a unique opportunity to build new skills and develop creative confidence in a range of art-forms and with artists from a wide variety of backgrounds. Members have the opportunity to experience and use state-of-the-art facilities and receive expert tuition from Coventry University's tutors and students.

## Weekly classes

At the heart of the National Saturday Club are the **weekly classes** themselves. Here, young people get the chance to work with experienced and inspiring tutors, trying out new techniques and materials, and using specialist equipment that is not always available to them in schools.

For up to 30 weeks a year, tutors put together an inspirational programme of activities introducing members to a rich array of artistic projects and processes. Although the choice of activities and themes vary, all Clubs share the desire to create a relaxed atmosphere in which members are encouraged to explore their curiosity for a subject without the pressure of exams.

## London Visit

The London Visit is a key moment in the calendar, giving members the sense that they belong to a wider national network.

Members have the chance to hear inspirational speeches, see their **self-portraits** in a network-wide display, and get to experience London's major cultural destinations. Saturday Club tutors tell us that the **London Visit** has a lasting impact on the Club members

## Masterclasses

Each Club will take part in a **Masterclass** with a professional practitioner, connecting them with our national network of industry experts and giving members and tutors rare access to some of the UK's most creative minds.

Each Masterclass is tailor-made, drawing on the creative practitioner's expertise and experience. It showcases how skills developed at a Saturday Club can be applied in the real world. For many young people, their Masterclass experience is the moment they realise that their passions and interests have the potential to develop into rewarding careers.

## Summer Show

The culmination of the Saturday Club year is the **Summer Show Exhibition**. Each Club has their own section of the exhibition with every single Club member represented.

Private views are organised for Clubs and the members' families, as well as VIP guests of the host institutions and the national programme. This public exhibition of Club members' work is a joyous celebration of the year's achievements.

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