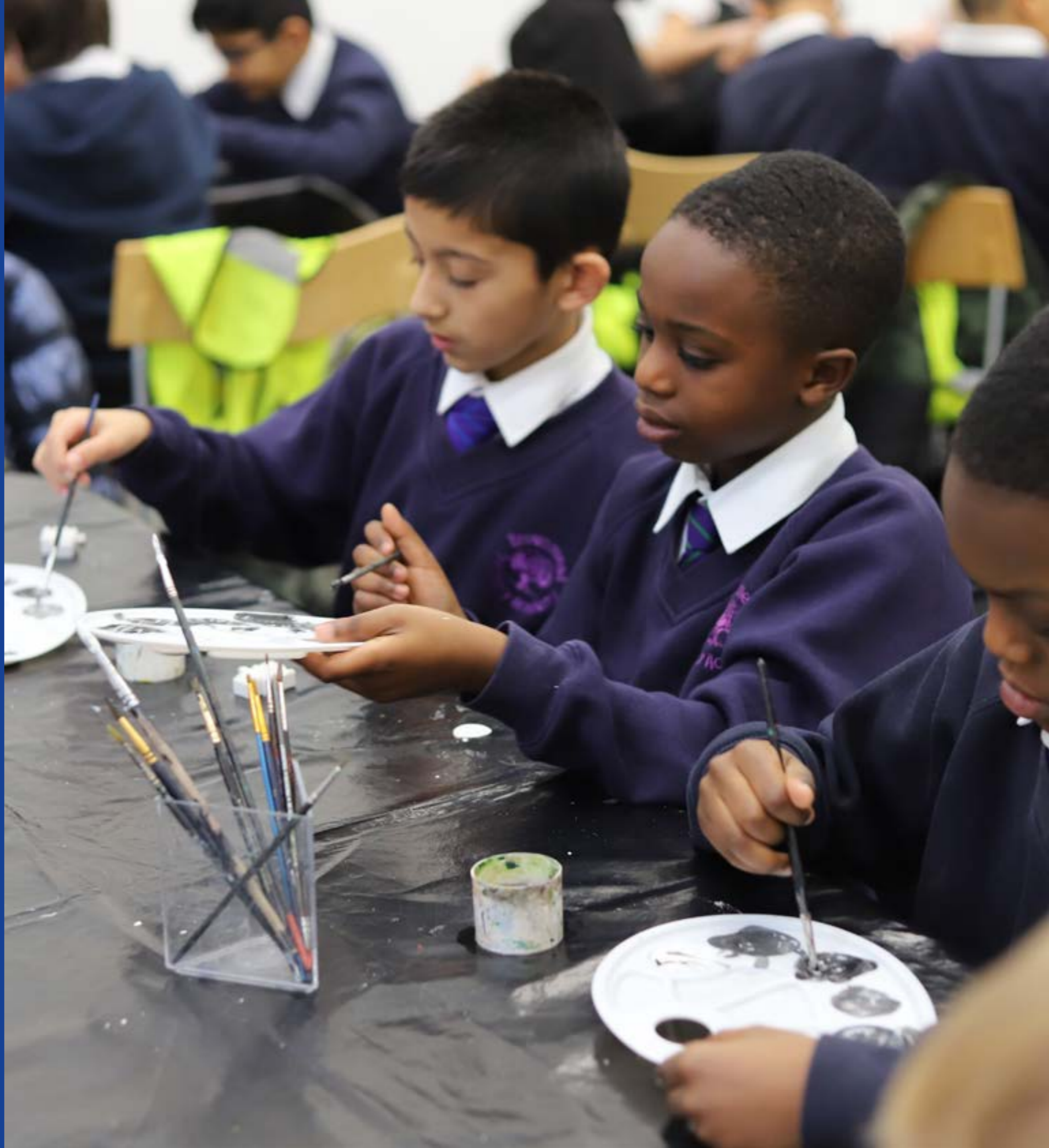


SCHOOLS AT IKON

Ikon Gallery welcomes school groups. We offer tours and workshops, plus free online resources including activity packs.



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FREE RESOURCES

Exhibition Guide

Highlighting key themes of the exhibition.

Information Assistants

Available in every gallery for further conversation.

Resource Room

Containing artists' books and films.

Online Activity Packs

Designed for creative learning.

Digital Resources

Including interviews with artists.

[ONLINE ACTIVITY PACKS](#)

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TOURS

Open to all school groups

Guided exhibition tour, 60 minutes—£30
Self-guided tour—FREE

Advance booking is essential for both guided and self-guided tours. Maximum 30 students.

Guided tours encourage students to analyse and evaluate artworks, understand creative processes and share their own ideas.

BOOK NOW



WORKSHOPS

What is a gallery?

£120

Available Wednesday–Friday, 10am–12pm
Booking essential, maximum 30 students

This workshop introduces students to art galleries and different art forms on display, aiming to develop students' creative and critical thinking skills when talking about and making art.

Students enjoy a tour of the galleries including discussions and activities on themes specific to the exhibitions. This is followed by a creative practical session where students will create their own art work.

Skills include, but are not limited to: drawing, painting, colour mixing and modelling.

BOOK NOW



Develop your art skills

£150

Available Wednesday–Friday, 10am–12.30pm
Booking essential, maximum 30 students

This workshop encourages students to connect Ikon's current exhibitions and their own approaches to making art. Perfect for students who want to learn or develop specific techniques.

A guided tour is followed by a practical session where students create art in response to the exhibitions, with consideration of the themes and ideas addressed during discussion.

Skills include but are not limited to: drawing, painting, mark making and printing.

BOOK NOW



Discover creative careers

£150

Available Wednesday–Friday, 10am–12.30pm
Booking essential, maximum 30 students

This workshop introduces students to creative careers and pathways into the arts and cultural sector.

A guided tour is followed by a practical session and series of discussions where students will learn about the role of a gallery and its different departments including: exhibitions, education, communications, development and operations.

Students have the opportunity to speak to Ikon staff and draw on their knowledge and experience of working in the sector.

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Speak to our Education Team about how these workshops can support curriculum areas.

EXHIBITIONS

Start the Press!

Winter-Spring
9 February – 21 April 2024

The centrepiece of *Start the Press!* is a vintage, flatbed printing press from Wolverhampton School of Art, taking its position in the gallery as a form of occupation in the tradition of the student art-school sit-ins of the 1960s. A cohort of West Midlands printmakers will operate the press, producing original prints and filling the gallery walls as work is made in real time. The exhibition also includes artworks by Lubaina Himid, David Hockney, Yinka Shonibare and Catherine Yass loaned from the Jerwood Collection.

Key themes: Industrial heritage, protest art, art & design
Method: Printmaking, drawing, typography

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Exodus Crooks *Epiphany (Temporaire)*

Winter-Spring
9 February – 21 April 2024

Ikon hosts Midlands-based artist Exodus Crooks' exhibition *Epiphany (Temporaire)*, commissioned by Ort Gallery and International Curators Forum (ICF), originally presented at Block 336 in Summer 2023. Curated by Orphée Kashala, the exhibition includes sculpture, film, text and sculptural installation. Exodus Crooks is a British-Jamaican multidisciplinary artist, educator and writer whose art practice centres on the relationship with self.

Key themes: Identity, relationships, self
Method: Film, installation, sculpture

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Dion Kitson *Rue Britannia*

Spring-Summer
10 May – 8 September 2024

Ikon presents the first major solo exhibition and an ambitious off-site commission by British artist Dion Kitson in partnership with English Heritage. Incisive, enterprising, and laced with sharp wit, Kitson's artistic practice dissects class and identity from the depths of the British psyche, reshaping its visual hallmarks and traditions across a range of media: sculpture, painting, film and found objects. Kitson's work is both playful and pertinent, providing a candid account of the everyday.

Key themes: Belonging, identity, heritage
Method: Film, painting, sculpture

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National Treasures: Artemisia in Birmingham / Jesse Jones

Spring–Summer
10 May – 8 September 2024

Ikon is a partner in National Treasures, celebrating the National Gallery's Bicentenary, NG200. Ikon presents *Self Portrait as Saint Catherine of Alexandria* (about 1615-17) by Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1654 or later). Simultaneously, Ikon shows a solo exhibition by Dublin-based contemporary artist Jesse Jones. Her new commission follows research into the iconography of Gentileschi's self-portrait and includes sound elements and moving images to create a cinematic space.

Key themes: Feminism, religion, history
Method: Painting, film, performance

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Friends In Love And War

Works from the British Council
Collection and macLYON

Autumn–Winter
25 September 2024 – 8 February 2025

Ikon and macLYON present works by over twenty artists from the British Council Collection and macLYON that explore the theme of friendship. Taking place in the partner cities of Lyon and Birmingham, this exhibition also looks at diplomatic friendships. It includes painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, film, sculpture and installation, with existing and new work by artists with longstanding connections to each city.

Key themes: Friendship, community, collaboration
Method: Drawing, photography, sculpture

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Arts Award

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