



Duke's Secondary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

FREE Afterschool Workshops for All

I am delighted to offer all parents/carers and students the opportunity to come along and attend **Free** Ceramic and Animation workshops being held at Dukes Secondary School from January 2020. This has been fully funded by the NCEA Trust.

The two workshops will run separately every term beginning on Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 2.30pm until 3.30pm. They will be ran by a professional artist/ animator please see the information below.

Robin Webb (Animator & Filmmaker)

The Animation Club at Duke's started in 2012 and in that time it has produced a huge range of short films. Animation provides a space for students to be creative allowing their imagination to run free because in animation literally anything is possible. We've had six headed dragons, fairy queens, insects, steampunk nativities, trains, planes and automobiles, moons, planets, caves and candy land. There have been stories of love, games gone rogue and all manner of strange and wonderful things.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in or you would like to support your child with, then I invite you to come along and learn the principles of creating stop motion animation. Find out how the animation industry works and also how it can be a valuable and rewarding career path in a myriad of ways.

I have been teaching and working in the animation industry for over 20 years and bring a wealth of experience in creating films with young people. Why not give it a try, you could be the next Nick Park or create the next animation blockbuster to rival Pixar!

Alan Vinter (Ceramic and Community Project Artist)

Alan has a wealth of experience in the arts, both as an artist in a variety of media as well as in Arts Education in both higher & special needs environments.

He has experience in 3D design and has particular expertise in ceramics. Alan has led many fantastic community based projects such as a ceramic installation at some of Newbiggin's local amenities and the Maritime Centre and has also exhibited nationally and is part of the KEAP Creative.

Alan has ran several ceramic classes within the school already and would like to invite you to come along to learn and experience a wide range of hand building techniques as well as learning to throw on a pottery wheel. Once your masterpieces are created you will be able to take these home with you.

Please email, tweet or write in your child's planner if you or your child wish to attend, or if you both would like to attend.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Louise Gatti
Subject lead of Art.



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