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Creating arts  
engagement  
opportunities  
for children

# mini masterpieces

## POSTCARDS BY YOUNG CREATORS



**hurry!**  
deadline  
7th June

Orla O'Donnell, age 9 with her painting "Summer Feelings" which was accepted into the Shropshire Open at the Gateway Gallery last summer

A fantastic opportunity to showcase your school's creative talent during the Shrewsbury Arts Trail throughout July and August. This arts engagement opportunity will allow students to see their artwork on display in a gallery setting to help boost self-esteem and confidence.

Prizes for Panel's Choice and People's Choice in each age group, with voting throughout the Arts Trail this summer.

Postcard sized artwork in any medium. Three Age Groups: 5-7, 8-11, 12-16.

Theme: 'My Shropshire' - What Shropshire means to the student, whether that's a person, pet, garden, memory, a special place or landmark etc.

# Prizes

## PANEL'S CHOICE PRIZE

## 5 - 7 age group

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE PRIZE

### Artists Colouring Set Bundle with Clear A3 Art Bag – by Zieler

- 36 Oil Pastels
- 24 Duotip Brush & Fineliner Drawing Pens
- A3 Spiral Mixed Media Pad
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## 8 - 11 age group

### Artful Art School in a Box – Ink Art Kit

- 1 x Artful Let's Learn Ink Magazine
- 1 x Artful A4 25 Sheet Premium Watercolour Paper Pad
- 4 x Blank Greeting Cards
- 3 x Water Brush Pens
- 2 x Art Brushes
- 5 x Acrylic Coloured Inks
- 1 x Indian Ink, Wax Crayon, Fineline Marker Pen, Faber Castell Pencil and China-graph Pencil



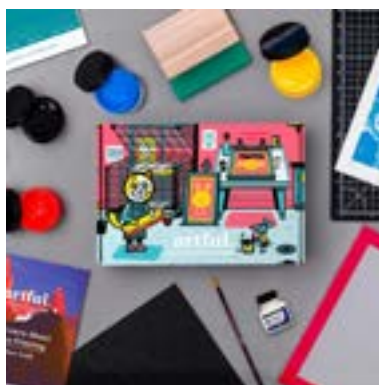
### Artful Art School in a Box – Mixed Media Art Kit

- 6 x Assorted Colouring Pencils
- 4 x Pots Acrylic Paint
- 2 Round & 11 Filbert Brushes
- 4H Pencil
- Neon Ink
- Masking Fluid
- A4 Art Pad
- Brown Kraft Paper
- 4 x Blank Greeting Cards
- 110+ page Artful Magazine featuring different tutorials

## 12 - 16 age group

### Artful Art School in a Box – Learn Lino Printing Art Kit

- 1 x Lino Roller Brayer
- 1 x Lino Cutting Carving Tool and 5 Blades
- 1 x Cartridge Paper Art Pad
- 3 x 50ml Acrylic Paint Pots (Blue, Red, Black)
- 3 x Easy Cutting Lino Sheets
- 1 x Artful Magazine



### Artful Art School in a Box – Screen Printing Art Kit

- Aluminium 80T White Mesh Screen
- 4x Artful 100ml Screen Printing Acrylic Paints
- Artful 29.5ml Masking Fluid
- 1 x No.2 Round Brush
- Artful Squeegee
- Artful Mixed Stencil Set
- Artful Mixed Media Paper Pad
- 4 x Blank Greeting Cards & Envelopes
- Artful Screen Printing Magazine

# Lesson Plan tips

## Session One

Brainstorming session asking questions such as:

What is Shropshire? When you talk about Shropshire, what do you think about?

What landmarks do we know in Shropshire?

What do you like the most about Shropshire?

Where do you like to visit most?

Is there a site or location nearby where the children could go to get inspiration - local park, statue, landmark etc? Encourage outside sketching/photography to take inspiration back into the classroom.

Encourage children (age group dependant) to create a mind map of ideas - places, memories, people who are important to them, experiences, iconic representations of Shropshire.

Ask children to talk about their mindmap/favourite idea of what they would like to draw or paint.

Could the children use different tools or techniques to create their picture - collage, paint, pastels, charcoal, dried flowers/leaves, use alternative tools to mark-make with - twigs, feathers, forks, cotton reels, toy cars etc.

## Session two

Use the printable template to create an initial composition and discuss how it works - is it balanced, what is the focal point, how could they improve it, add to it, take elements away?

The children will apply their ideas to the final postcard using the composition, tools and materials discussed in the previous lesson.

Encourage the children to think about an interesting/thought-provoking title for their artwork that will help viewers understand what their artwork means to them.



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# Mini Masterpieces

6x4" / 10x15cm Postcard Template

If you would like blank postcards to work from rather than a template please email [gatewaygallery@mail.com](mailto:gatewaygallery@mail.com)

Cut along line for postcard size



Please ensure the following information is written clearly on the back of the postcard:

- Child's Full Name
- Child's Age
- Title of Artwork
- Contact Email

Please post or deliver to:

Mini Masterpieces, Gateway Gallery, Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1NB  
by Friday 7th June 2024



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# Press release

Calling all young artists! The Gateway Gallery is offering the young people of Shropshire the opportunity to be part of an uplifting and heart-warming art exhibition in the centre of Shrewsbury this summer.

The Gateway Gallery located on Chester Street in Shrewsbury is asking all young people aged between 5 and 16 to submit a postcard-sized piece of artwork based on the theme 'My Shropshire'. The postcards will be displayed at the Gateway Gallery during the Shrewsbury Arts Trail throughout July and August this summer. Entries must be delivered to the Gateway Gallery by 7th June 2024.

The theme 'My Shropshire' is open to interpretation and could be anything that represents our beautiful county, whether that is a person, a special place, a memory, a pet or a landmark – it's up to the artist to decide what is most special to them about Shropshire.

Emma Sherry, Chair of the Gateway Gallery Panel, said "creating arts engagement opportunities for young people is at the heart of what we do at the Gateway Gallery. We are really excited to showcase the creativity of the children of Shropshire".

Emma also said "Not only will the children get to see their artwork in an art gallery but they will also be in with a chance of winning art prizes for their age category. We will be asking visitors to the gallery to vote for their favourite piece of artwork throughout the Arts Trail and the piece with the most votes will win the 'People's Choice' award and there will also be prizes for the Panel's Choice's".

So, if you know a budding artist or a creative soul who is under 16, please encourage them to enter their work into the Mini Masterpieces Exhibition. Full details can be found on the Gateway Gallery website [www.gatewaygallery.co.uk](http://www.gatewaygallery.co.uk). There will be blank postcards available to collect from the Gateway Gallery (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm) or a template is available to download from the website.

If you are a school wishing to take part, please contact [gatewaygallery@mail.com](mailto:gatewaygallery@mail.com) to request your school pack with full details and a set of blank postcards!

Emma finished by saying "We cannot wait to welcome visitors during the Arts Trail to experience what we know will be a bright, colourful and heart-warming exhibition highlighting our counties young creative talent"

...ENDS...



School Pack

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For further information please visit <https://gatewaygallery.co.uk/mini-masterpieces>

If you have any queries, please contact the team on [gatewaygallery@mail.com](mailto:gatewaygallery@mail.com)

Please ensure postcards are received by the gallery no later than Friday 7th June 2024 and don't forget to put name, age and contact details on the back!

Gateway Gallery address:

Gateway Gallery, Gateway Centre, Chester Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1NB

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During Term Time Also Open Until 8pm On Thursdays

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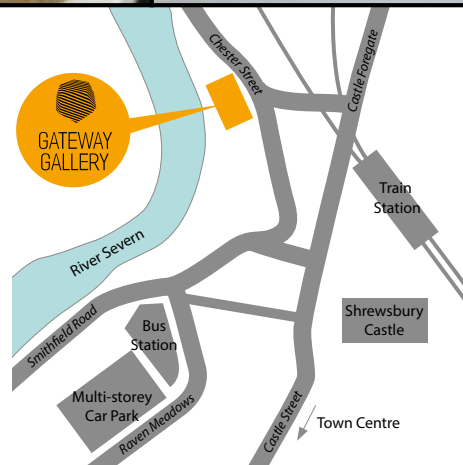


The Gateway Gallery is a purpose-built, volunteer-run gallery situated on the river in the heart of Shrewsbury. Holding regular exhibitions of contemporary art as well as community-focused events throughout the year, the Gateway Gallery has become a destination venue. The gallery is housed within the Gateway Centre which hosts a cafe overlooking the River Severn which serves delicious hot food and drinks.

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