

Wysing Arts, Bourn, Cambridge

On 23rd May 2018 a mixed group of year 8, 9 and 10 art students took a trip to Wysing Arts. The arts centre sits on a large rural site near Cambridge and includes a gallery, educational facilities, artists' studios, a recording studio and ceramics studio, a 17th century farmhouse, outdoor sculpture, and café. On the day the students took part in two workshops; sculpture with Jack Cornell and animation with Beeny Harwood. They also took a tour of the arts centre site, hearing the story of how the huge outdoor sculpture was created.

When creating their sculptures students were given the freedom to create any structure from their imagination. They worked in groups using a broad range of found and recycled materials; a key theme in Cornell's work.

Between the two workshops students had the opportunity to interview the artists and other arts centre staff. They discussed what motivated them as artists and how their schooling and higher education led them to follow a creative career path.

In the animation workshop students were introduced to "straight ahead" and "pose to pose" animation processes using Stop Motion and Dragon frame software; working in groups they took on the challenge of creating an animation using paper, prints, found materials etc to a piece of music selected by Beeny.

At the end of the day we had the opportunity to see all the sculptures outside and had a viewing of all the animations on a big screen.



