**studiodigital PARENT INFORMATION**

Congratulations!

Your child’s application for the studiodigital initiative has been successful and because of this great news, we need to make sure that you have all the information you need and that we have your full permission for your child to take part.

We hope the following information will answer some of the questions you may have and we are completely contactable if you feel you need to discuss anything regarding your child’s attendance and welfare throughout the kick-off event and studio workshop sessions.

**Studiodigital overview**

* Free for young people years 10-12
* Digital creative learning in fields such as blogging, game design, graphic design, film production and social media etc.
* Initial 3 day kick off event 29, 30 & 31 October Half Term
* Regular Studio Sessions for six months
* Culminating in 2019 Digi Festival
* Help to overcome any barriers to taking part such as transport difficulties

Contains Art, an art gallery and studios in Watchet, have secured funding through the West Somerset Opportunity Area to run a Digital Creative Project (with Kick off Event in October half term and Saturday Studio sessions for six months) aimed at young people in years 10, 11 and 12. The project is intended to enable young people to develop in depth skills in a digital field, working with experienced professionals, going on visits and learning how to begin to explore how this might help them in the future.

**What we are offering**

We will begin with a three-day event in the October Half Term on October 29th, 30th & 31st and will host inspiring speakers from various creative digital fields i.e game design, blogging, film production etc across days 1 & 2. It will be interesting, and fun with a range of different activities.

On the third day, participants will be taken by coach to visit a number of innovative and exciting digital businesses in Plymouth.

The initial event will be held at Clay Hill Arts, Charlynch Lane, Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 2PH. Attendees will be taken by coach, from Minehead and Watchet to the venue and lunch and refreshments will be provided free of charge.

We want to give participants contact with professionals they would otherwise have difficulty accessing and involve them in creative digital fields they might otherwise not have considered or even been aware of.

Following the initial three days, participants will be allocated into groups, each group focussing on a particular digital strand (such as film making, game design or graphic design) in studio sessions over approximately a six-month period. The first sessions will take place on Saturday 10th November, Saturday 1st December and Saturday 15th December at Contains Art in Watchet. These sessions will also explore how to make a career in the digital industries, including entrepreneurial opportunities.

 In the final studio sessions, participants will work on a live project with local businesses, so that they get a real understanding of how their digital skills can be valued.

**What we need**

Your support.

As a parent, you are in a great position to help grow your child’s passion for digital media, which could help them to make the most of opportunities. We need and value your support.

We will keep you updated during the course and will pass on specific positive feedback that your child receives throughout the course, so that you can reinforce these points and further encourage them to feel confident in what they’re working on.

We would also love to meet with you on the first day of the programme. Members of the studiodigital team will be at Minehead EYE on Monday 29th from 9:30am (the coach will leave at 10am) and at Contains Art in Watchet from 9:45am (the coach will leave at 10:15am) and we would love for you to join us for a coffee and to chat more about the course and what we have planned. If you would like to get in touch with us before then please do drop us an email to Annie annie@containsart.co.uk or call Contains Art on 075833 68072[JB1]

**Attendance**

We want to make attendance as easy as possible for the young people.

We will be transporting attendants by coach to the kick-off event and to the digital businesses we will be visiting.

The coach pick up points will from Minehead EYE, Mart Road, Minehead, TA24 5BJ and Contains Art, Harbour Road, Watchet, TA23 0AQ

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|  | **Date** | **Minehead EYE** | **Contains Art** |
| **Depart** | Monday 29th October | 10am (coffee from 9:30am) | 10:15am (coffee from 9:45am) |
| **Return** |   | 5:30pm | 5:15pm |
|  |   |   |   |
| **Depart** | Tuesday 30th October | 10am | 10:15am |
| **Return** |   | 5:30pm | 5:15pm |
|  |   |   |   |
| **Depart** | Wednesday 31st Oct | 8:45am | 9am |
| **Return** |   | 7:15pm | 7pm |

If you or you child have difficulty in reaching Watchet on the mornings of the 29th, 30th & 31st October to meet for the coach transfer, please do contact us to see what can be arranged.

We are committed to overcoming attendance barriers that your child may have and will work with you to figure out solutions to any difficulties. Our team is made up of professionals who work in the creative and digital sectors. They are fully trained in safeguarding. If you have any concerns please do just talk to us.

**The nuts and bolts**

The studiodigital event and follow up studio sessions will be provided free of charge for attendees.

**Please find below a form which we need you to complete and return to us ASAP. Apologies for the short timeframe on this but we really do need the forms returned in order for your child to be able to attend the initial event from 29th October.**

You can complete electronically (please find a copy on our website [www.containsart.co.uk/studiodigital](http://www.containsart.co.uk/studiodigital) ) or take a photo of the completed form and email it to us at annie@containsart.co.uk

 Or you can post it to us at:

Annie Robinson, Digital Engagement Officer, Contains Art, East Quay, Watchet TA23 0AG

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions in the meantime please don’t hesitate to contact us at: annie@containsart.co.uk or call our Contains Art number on 075833 68072

**studiodigital Parent/Guardian Consent Form**

Parent name: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Child’s full name: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Child’s Age: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...

Child’s Year: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Child’s School (where applicable): ………………………………………………………………………………………….

Home Address: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Parent’s contact telephone number……………………………………………………………………………………….

Child’s Mobile number (where applicable) …………………………………………………………………………….

Emergency contact name & relationship to child ………………………………………………………………….

Emergency Contact number: …………………………………………………………………………………………………

Dietary requirements of attending child……………………………………………………………………………….

Allergies of attending child……………………………………………………………………………………………………

Medication that we should be aware of in relation to attending child………………………………….

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Will your child use the Minehead or Watchet pick up/drop off points ………………………………..

**Consent**

I (please print parent/guardian’s name) ……………………………………………………………………………..

Give consent for my child……………………………………………………………………………to attend the studiodigital 3-day event on the 29th, 30th & 31st of October 2018 and the follow up studio workshop sessions (dates to be confirmed).

I have read the details above and understand the activities my child will be participating in.

I consent to the storing and use of my child’s personal/contact data as necessary.

Please note if your child id 14 or over, we ask for their explicit permission as required by data law ¨

I consent for photos and film to be taken of my child ¨

I consent for use of photos of my child on Contains Art and studiodigital social media channels including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter ¨

Signature of Parent/Guardian………………………………………………………………………………

Signature of child if over 16 years old…………………………………………………………………

**Data Protection**

***We promise never to share or sell your information to other organisations or businesses and you can opt out of our communications at any time by telephoning 01984 633496, writing to Onion Collective CIC, Harbour Studios, Harbour Road, Watchet, Somerset, TA23 0AQ or by sending an email to jon@containsart.co.uk***

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