

MBN ARTS BROCHURE

CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAMMES FOR 8-25 YEARS
ALTERNATIVE PROVISION, POST 16 & EXAM CENTRE
TAILORED MENTORING, TUTORING & TRAINING COURSES





WELCOME TO MBN ARTS

Hello from the Directors at MBN ARTS, Mike, Nicole and CEO Riley the dog! We're pleased to welcome you to MBN Arts and introduce you to the creative world our young people thrive in.

This brochure will guide you through what we do, but if you'd like any extra information, feel free to visit our website (www.MBNARTS.co.uk), our social media platforms or contact us directly — we're always here to help.

Mike, Nicole & Riley

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“ BEING AT MBN ARTS HAS GIVEN ME THE CONFIDENCE TO TRY”

Who Are MBN ARTS?

MBN Arts is an Alternative Educational Provision and accredited exam centre based in Bournemouth, specialising in art, design and creative training. We inspire young people to explore, express and apply creativity throughout their learning and everyday lives. Through both one-to-one and group sessions, we support individuals in and outside of mainstream education — including those preparing to reintegrate. Our person-centred and inclusive approach encourages each young person to build confidence, develop skills and reach their creative and academic potential.

Our Ethos

We believe that creativity and self-expression are the foundation of growth, confidence and purpose. We're committed to nurturing young people who might not thrive in conventional settings—helping them find their voice, their spark and their path forward in life.



→ Student DUCK creating her full feature music video



The Centre

Our centre is a bright, welcoming and inclusive environment designed to nurture creativity and wellbeing. With spacious art rooms, a music studio, a food technology room, a 40-foot spray-paint wall and outdoor space, it offers a calm and inspiring setting where young people can learn, create and connect. Every part of the centre reflects our belief that creativity flourishes in spaces filled with light, warmth and opportunity.



Who Do we support?

At MBN Arts, we believe every young person deserves the chance to thrive in an environment that recognises their individuality and nurtures their strengths. Our flexible, person-centred programmes support learners to re-engage with education, develop creativity and achieve meaningful goals.

We offer provision to:

- Young people aged 8–25
- Those seeking an alternative or complement to mainstream education
- Learners preparing for re-integration into school settings
- Individuals working towards creative and academic qualifications
- Young people with wellbeing or SEMH needs
- Students developing skills in art, design and music
- Those benefiting from 1:1 or small-group learning
- Learners progressing into further education, training or employment
- Young people with the goal of building their own creative businesses

The Team

The MBN Arts team is made up of highly qualified creative and academic tutors, creative professionals and experienced mentors who share a passion for empowering young people. Together, they combine their diverse expertise, with experience across both mainstream and specialist settings, to support each learner's creative development, educational progress and overall wellbeing. Every member of our team holds an enhanced DBS and is fully trained to Safeguarding Level 3, as well as in disabilities and special educational needs, alongside other mandatory training relevant to their roles. Working collaboratively, they bring warmth, understanding and professionalism to every session — ensuring each young person feels seen, supported and inspired to achieve their best.

We also have a full-time SENDCo dedicated to supporting the individual needs of every young person, ensuring their learning experience is inclusive and responsive. Alongside this, our CEO and emotional support dog, Riley, is at the centre each day, bringing comfort, positivity and a sense of calm to everyone he meets.



→ Some of the MBN CREW!



→ Digital illustration of the team created by student ASTRO

MENTORING AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Delivering a diverse range of programmes, courses and training opportunities.



→ Student's Collaborative Halloween Graffiti Wall



**GROWING AS AN ARTIST
AND A PERSON**

Creative Mentoring (8-25 yrs)

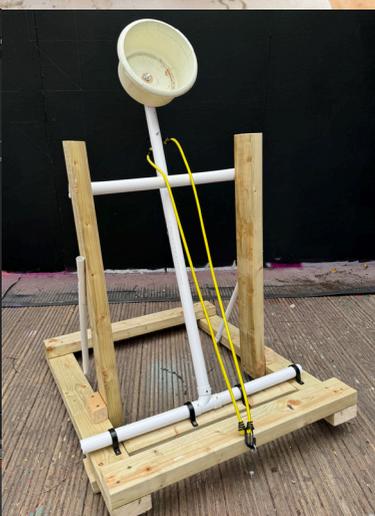
The creative mentoring programme is designed to provide individuals a safe space to explore who they are as a creative and a young person. This is achieved through 1 to 1 and small group sessions. Tailored to their identified educational and SEMH needs and individual abilities we use the arts to instil confidence and resilience. Whilst expanding their creative knowledge and skill sets, this programme aims to reengage young people with learning and have a positive relationship with education.

We enable young people to build and implement key transferable life skills that support them in their lives and in turn help them achieve a range of creative and skillbased qualifications (**Arts Award, ASDAN**) as a pathway into higher education and work opportunities or prepare them to transition successfully and sustainably into other settings.

Subjects

- Fine Art
- Illustration
- Street Art
- Textiles & Fashion
- Graphic Design
- Photography & Film
- Animation
- Design Technology
- Woodwork
- Food Technology
- Music Production
- And More





Preparing for Adulthood (14-25 yrs)

Transitioning into adulthood can feel daunting, but with the right support it becomes an exciting step forward. Our “Preparing for Adulthood” programme is dedicated to helping young people build the personal and life skills they need to thrive. Participants focus on key areas such as **health & wellbeing, independent travel, money management, finding their own place, entering the world of work and digital skills** — each module tailored to their strengths, circumstances and aspirations and aligned with their EHCP or placement plan outcomes.



Creative Careers (16-25 yrs)

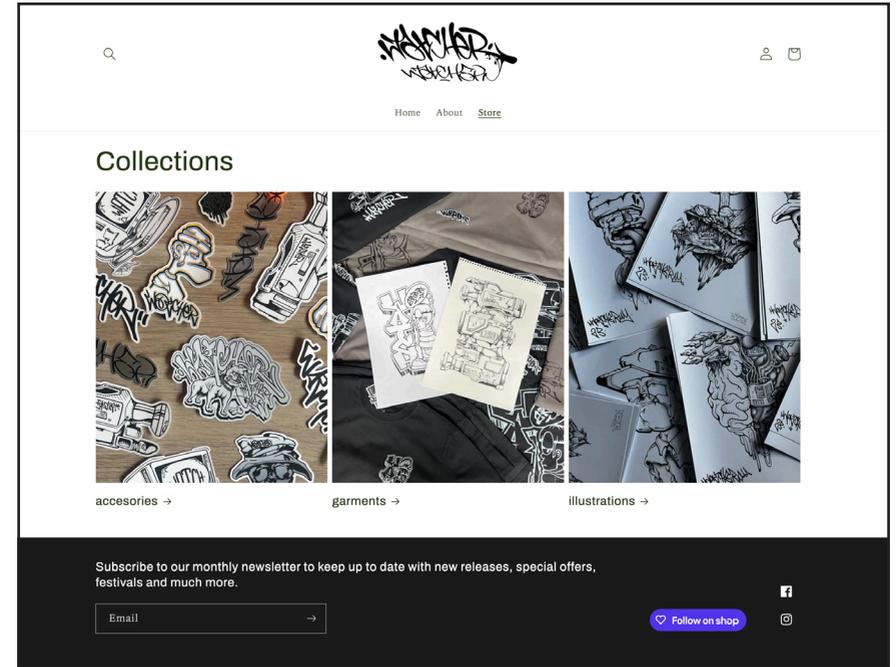
With creative pathways more accessible than ever, today's young people are seeking meaningful opportunities to develop and work in the arts. The Creative Careers programme gives those who want to go beyond simply creating, the chance to **build real-world pathways into the creative industries**. Participants gain hands-on skill sets, network with industry professionals, and **access placements, employment or self-employment** within the sector, bridging their creative talent with professional opportunity.

Creative Business (16-25 yrs)

With technology advancing and digital influence ever-present, there's a growing generation of young creative entrepreneurs—some of whom may not feel that traditional routes suit them. The MBN ARTS "Business Building" course supports these young people by combining a broad creative skill-set with business-ready knowledge. Participants explore **business plan development, branding, advertising, networking, marketing & market research, website building, social media and SEO, industry exploration, manufacturing, pitch & grant writing, and company registration**—helping them take the next step towards building their own **creative business**.



“ I’VE ACHIEVED MY GOAL,
CREATING ART WITH
MY OWN BUSINESS”



Academic Tuition

Alongside embedding English and Mathematics throughout our wider provision, we also provide bespoke one-to-one tuition for young people who are unable to access this learning within mainstream settings. Lessons are delivered in a receptive and individualised way, often using creative approaches to help each learner engage and achieve. As well as developing subject knowledge, our tutors also prepare students for examinations through practice papers, guided revision and confidence-building support — ensuring they feel ready to succeed.

GCSE IGCSE (AQA/Edexcel)

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics

A Level (AQA/Edexcel)

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics

Functional Skills (Edexcel)

- English Level 1 & 2
- English Speaking
- Mathematics Level 1 & 2





Creative Tuition

Our Creative Tuition programmes are the ideal next step for young people who have previously taken part in our Creative Mentoring and are now ready to formalise their skills through qualification-based learning. All the Creative Pathways available through our mentoring continue into Creative Tuition, allowing learners to build on their confidence, skill sets and resilience as they progress. Our creative tutors support learners in achieving all units of their qualifications, as well as developing a strong creative portfolio that showcases their growth and talent. Learning is delivered with the same person-centred and inclusive approach, helping each young person to refine their creativity and achieve recognised success.

All creative qualifications are delivered through nationally recognised awarding bodies:

GCSEs (AQA / Edexcel)

- Art and Design (Art, Craft & Design)
- Art and Design (Fine Art)
- Art and Design (Graphic Communication)
- Art and Design (Textile Design)
- Art and Design (3D Design)
- Art and Design (Photography)

A Levels (AQA)

- Art and Design (Art, Craft & Design)
- Art and Design (Fine Art)
- Art and Design (Graphic Communication)
- Art and Design (Textile Design)
- Art and Design (3D Design)
- Art and Design (Photography)

BTEC (Pearson Edexcel)

Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (L3)

Centre No:

AQA: 55146
Pearsons: 55146



Exams at MBN ARTS

Our exam centre is located at the MBN Arts Centre, providing a calm and supportive environment for learners to sit their examinations. The setting is both familiar and reassuring for young people who already attend MBN Arts, while remaining welcoming and comfortable for external candidates visiting us for the first time. We encourage all students to come and look around beforehand to familiarise themselves with the space and feel confident ahead of their exams.

We offer a wide variety of subjects across key academic areas, including **English and Mathematics, Humanities, Sciences, Statistics, Creative Arts, Business Studies and Social Sciences**, delivered through recognised awarding bodies **AQA** and **Pearson Edexcel**.

Access Arrangements

We are committed to ensuring fair and equal access for all candidates. Our team can arrange appropriate access arrangements to support individual needs and provide every learner with an equal opportunity to achieve.

These include:

- Separate Rooms (1:1)
- Small Group
- Extra Time
- Rest Breaks
- Reader
- Scribe
- Word Processors/Laptops
- Modified Papers (Enlarged, Coloured)
- Coloured Overlays





Open Days

Throughout each academic year, we host three open days at our Townsend Centre, offering young people, their families and education professionals the opportunity to visit our centre. These visits allow attendees to meet our team, connect with the staff who would be supporting them, explore and familiarise themselves with the environment, and learn more about our programmes, courses and examination services.

Open days play an important role in helping young people prepare for a successful transition into a new setting, and we aim to make every visit welcoming, supportive and comfortable for all.

For full information and dates please visit our website.



Student Exhibition

Each year, our Summer Student Exhibition in July provides visitors with the opportunity to experience the creative talents and achievements of our learners. During this event, the centre is transformed with display boards, installations and digital showcases, presenting a diverse range of analogue and digital work produced across our creative programmes.

The exhibition offers young people a platform to share their work with family, friends and the wider community, while also inspiring prospective students by demonstrating the opportunities and experiences available at MBN Arts.

For full information and dates please visit our website.

Bringing creative opportunities to all children and young people



An Experience for Everyone

At MBN Arts, we offer a diverse range of creative projects and experiences for schools and youth organisations. These can involve anything from small focus-group workshops to whole year-group projects, providing opportunities for young people to explore new creative experiences and develop a variety of artistic skills.

Projects can be tailored as one-off creative experiences, skill-building workshops, or larger-scale programmes that guide learners through the full process of conceptualising and realising a collaborative artwork — such as a mural or installation for your setting. Our projects can also support young people to create individual artwork they can be proud of and take home.

Each project is designed to be flexible and purposeful, aligning with curriculum learning, supporting identified outcomes, and offering an engaging and creative approach to exploring new topics.



→ Young people completing their design onto Carver's Skate Park, Ringwood

We offer a range of project to suit your needs, including:

- Small Groups / Year groups
- 1-day creative workshops
- 2-3 day projects
- 5-day (or longer) large-scale programmes
- Curriculum-linked creative experiences
- Collaborative mural or large scale artwork projects





New Milton Youth Trust - 2025



Verwood Hive Youth Club - 2025

The Handy Trust - 2025



Noadswood School - 2025

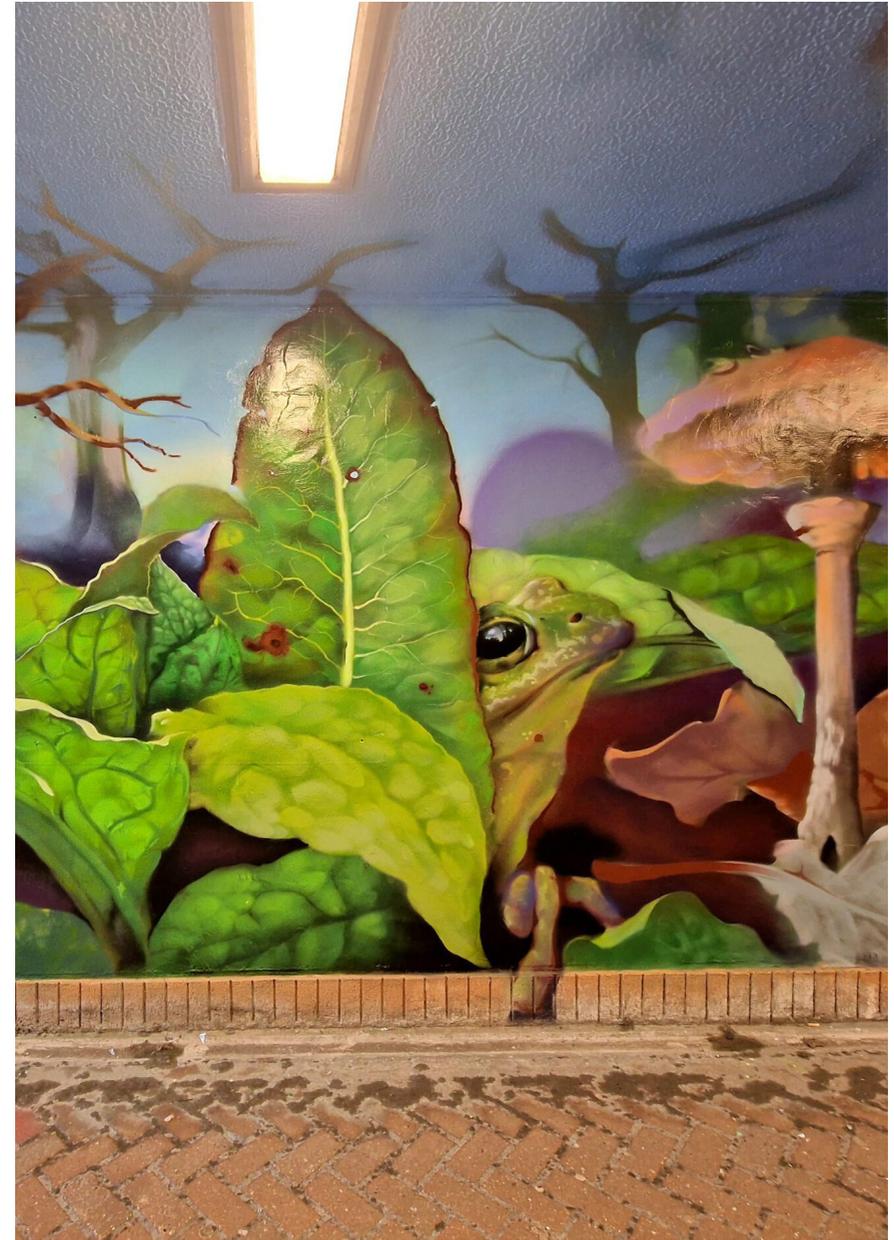


Designers and Artists for All Commissions

As well as offering educational experiences, our team of qualified and experienced artists and designers deliver a wide range of commissioned artworks and creative design projects for a diverse variety of clients and organisations. From spray paint to digital design, we produce bespoke works for a variety of clients.

- Companies (Internal / External Murals, Installations)
- Local Authorities Murals (Community Artworks)
- General Public (Kid's Bedrooms, Gardens)
- Branding /Advertising Designs Projects

Our artists are able to work to a variety of briefs and in a wide range of styles and mediums, ensuring each piece reflects the identity, purpose and vision of the organisation we're creating it for. Whether you're looking to transform a space, communicate a message creatively or commission a unique artwork, we provide a professional, collaborative service from concept through to completion.



Clients have included Diversity Dance Group, AFCB, The Ministry of Defence, DWP, BCP Council and more.



AFCB Underpass Mural



BCP Underpass Mural



DWP Housing Partnership Headquarters Mural





“ Since joining MBN ARTS, my daughter has begun to thrive. She is happy, loving her education. She knows how it feels to succeed again and is now looking positively towards her future.”

(Parent Lindy)

CONTACT US TODAY

and begin your creative journey...

Thank you
(Mike Ness - MBN ARTS Director)

CONTACT___

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