

Antony Gormley at Wells Cathedral: Schools' Workshops and Trails



From September 2021 schools are invited to visit Wells to view the new Antony Gormley sculpture that will be displayed on the West Front of Wells Cathedral. Wells Heritage Partners have designed a pick and mix of workshops and trails that can be tailored to suit curriculum requirements. We offer the combined visit to all three attractions on Mondays and Tuesdays. The format of a typical 10am-2pm day includes:

Wells Cathedral

Welcome & Introduction: Consider the contemporary Gormley statue in relation to the meaning and history of the West Front statues.

Wells & Mendip Museum

Choose one from the following workshops:

- Ooh! What is Oolite? Investigate the properties of stone used to build the cathedral and make your own edible sedimentary rock.
- Working with stone: Explore the tools and trade of the medieval and modern stonemason.
- West Front statues in close-up: Explore the museum's Statuary Display and handling collection to discover what they represent and why some are missing.

Bishop's Palace

- Enjoy the tranquil gardens and go on a self-led Sculpture trail. Lunch space provided.

Wells Cathedral

Choose one from the following workshops:

- Take inspiration from the art and architecture in the cathedral and create your own clay sculpture.
- Find the Masons' marks on the stonework in the cathedral and design and carve your own mark in soap.
- Changing Times: Consider how beliefs and practices have changed over time. Build your own lego figure to convey your beliefs.

A Wells Heritage Partners school day trip costs £8 per child (inclusive of VAT) and teachers go free. Wells Heritage Partners combined day trip and Wells Cathedral bookings to:

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