

## Welcome to Sky Academy Studios FICTION: Storytelling

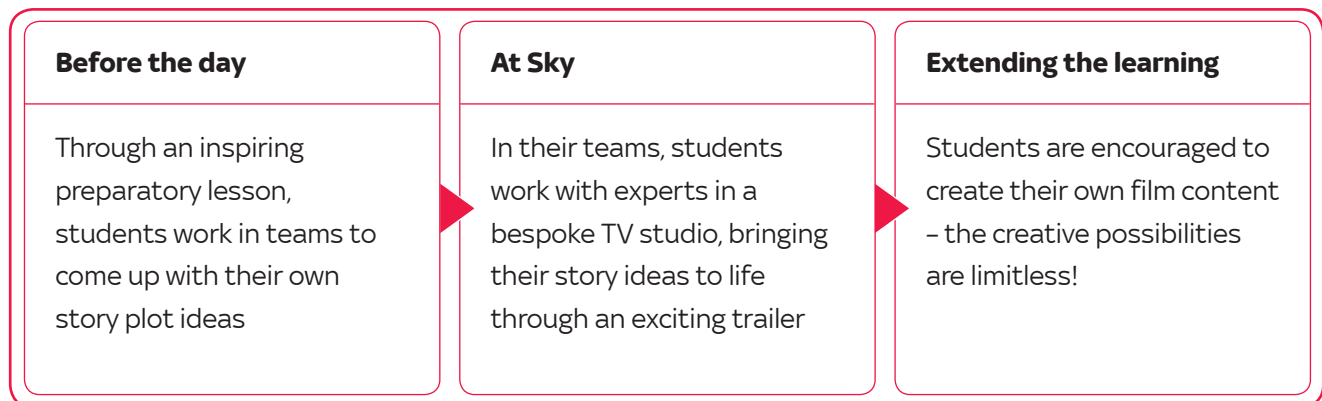
Creativity is at the heart of our business. Sky Academy Studios uses the power of TV and innovation to open young minds and develop young people's **Creativity, Collaboration** and **Communication**.

Our ambition is that the experience inspires students to have the confidence to explore their own opinions, ideas and voice.

## About FICTION Storytelling

Sky Academy Studios' FICTION: Storytelling offers a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience for teachers and students. It's a unique and innovative way to bring the curriculum to life, as students work together with talented professional studio staff in a bespoke TV studio to master the art of storytelling and create their own story trailer.

You and your class can choose from five exciting genres to fire young people's imaginations and help them develop their story ideas. With the help of our expert team, they'll learn about character creation, storyboarding, dialogue & plot, as they polish their creative writing skills, and create a compelling trailer to communicate their story to the audience.



## Curriculum relevance

FICTION: Storytelling supports the English curriculum, helping students to understand the elements of great storytelling (e.g. character, dialogue, plot). It also develops students':

- **Creativity**
- **Collaboration**
- **Communication**
- **Story writing**
- **Decision-making**

**Preparing for FICTION: Storytelling**

You'll need about 30 minutes' school time to prepare for your visit to Sky, and we would recommend devoting 60 minutes to delivering the readymade lesson.

TASK	DONE
<b>Before the day</b>	
Using the Genres sheet, read through the storyline linked with the genre you chose when you booked.	
Organise students into four studio teams, who will work together at Sky. Read through the Studio Roles sheet and allocate each student a role (or allow students to select their own).	
Deliver the FICTION: Storytelling Lesson Plan, which explores story plot and tasks teams to come up with ideas for their own story and record these on the Story Planning template (we've supplied a standard and advanced version). This will provide inspiration for each team's trailer, during your Sky visit.	
Fill in the Risk Assessment (this is for your own use and is not needed by Sky). Read through the Terms and Conditions.	
Ensure that every parent has signed the Parent Consent Form (Sky doesn't need copies, but you should keep them on record).	
<b>On the day of your visit</b>	
Bring along each of the student team's completed Story Planning template.	
At Sky, sign the Confirmation Agreement with final numbers who attended (you'll be given this on the day).	

**After your visit**

Sky Academy Studios is designed to be a springboard for opening students' minds and unlocking creativity. Your visit will conclude with an inspiring video encouraging students to use their imagination to create their own film content. They'll receive an Unleash Your Creativity sheet, with ideas such as starting a school film club and organising a school assembly to share their Sky Academy Studios experience. The trailer students will create during FICTION: Storytelling, will also provide a great stimulus for students to write their full stories, back in the classroom or at home.

## Essential information

### Student numbers

The day works best with a group of 32 students (excluding accompanying adults). If you are unable to fulfil these numbers, please contact us as soon as possible:

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LIVINGSTON - Phone [01506 418 640](tel:01506418640) | Email: [studios.livingston@sky.uk](mailto:studios.livingston@sky.uk)

### Adult supervision and teacher responsibilities

Adult supervision is required at all times. Teachers are responsible for ensuring an appropriate number of Responsible Adults throughout the visit. Groups should meet at least the following Responsible Adult to Student ratios:

- Age 8-11 years: [1:10](#)
- Age 12-16 years: [1:15](#)

Sky Academy Studios has a fully trained team to work with students, ensuring they have the best possible experience. Teachers/Responsible Adults will be responsible for:

- proactively dealing with student behaviour to avoid disruption
- supporting and encouraging students to take part in the sessions
- ensuring safety measures are implemented and being key point of first aid contact, as well as escorting students to and from toilets
- observing and assessing students

### Cancellation

Please note that the impact of a last-minute cancellation is a missed opportunity for another school. If you do need to cancel your visit for unforeseen reasons, please call the Sky Academy Studios team. We will do our best to find a solution to avoid you missing out on this opportunity.

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### Genre choice

If you decide that you would like to change the genre that you chose when you booked with Sky, please contact us before the date of your visit on the phone or email above.

### Accessibility

Sky Academy Studios is a wheelchair-accessible environment with a range of adaptive technology and equipment, including audio description and hearing loops. We welcome visitors with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Feel free to contact the team before the day to provide details of the SEND

provision. Please note that the studio environment contains flashing lights, so caution should be taken for students with epilepsy. For more information about our facilities and SEND services please contact us at the phone or email above.

### Personal belongings

There's a locker for storage, but please just bring the essentials. Valuables will be collected and stored by security. Mobile phones and recording devices aren't allowed in the studios.

### Arrival information

OSTERLEY:

- Morning session: 9.20am – 12.30pm
- Afternoon session: 1.20pm – 4.30pm

LIVINGSTON:

- Morning session: 9:20am – 12:00pm
- Afternoon session: 1:20pm – 4:00pm

A member of the Sky Academy Studios team will meet you at the Welcome Centre. Please note that all visitors to Sky are required to go through a security arch and bag check, taking approximately ten minutes. If you are running late, please contact us:

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### Lunch space

FICTION: Storytelling will be an exciting, action-packed day so it is important that visitors are fueled for the experience. There will be space available in the Welcome Centre for students to have packed lunches before/after the session.

### First aid

Staff are trained to deliver first aid if required on the day, however the accompanying teacher is still the first point of contact for students. If there are any predetermined conditions of which staff should be aware, please contact the team on the phone or email below, at least 48 hours prior to your visit.

### Getting there

See the 'Getting there' sheet for a site map and information on how best to reach us.

### Any further questions?

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