

Welcome to Sky Academy Studios FACT: News Reporting!

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 FACT: News Reporting

Sky Academy Studios’ FACT: News Reporting 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 create their own news report.

You and your class can choose from ten inspiring topics that fire young people’s imaginations and help them explore and express their voice on a range of relevant issues. With the help of our expert team, they’ll learn about how to structure a news report and communicate their ideas to the audience.



Curriculum relevance

FACT: News Reporting supports the English curriculum, helping students to understand the elements of a great news report. The topics are cross-curricular, linking to: PSHE/Health and Wellbeing; Science/Sciences; Design & Technology/Technologies; Citizenship/Social Studies). FACT also develops students’:

- **Creativity**
- **Collaboration**
- **Communication**
- **Media Literacy**
- **Writing (non-fiction)**
- **Decision-making**

Preparing for FACT: News Reporting

You'll need about 30 minutes' school time to prepare for your visit to Sky, and we would recommend devoting 60-90 minutes to delivering the readymade lesson. Here's a helpful checklist:

TASK	DONE
Before the day	
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 FACT: News Reporting Lesson Plan, which builds media literacy, exploring how to source trustworthy facts with help from the Get Your Facts Right checklist. Facts are recorded on the Studio Brief and Script Development sheets. The facts researched will form the basis of each student team's section of the news report. Remember to bring them on 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).	
On the day of your visit	
Bring along each of the student team's completed Studio Brief (and Script Development sheets if these were completed).	
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 message 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. FACT: News Reporting provides a great stimulus for students to create their own news reports to explore a range of interests and issues back in the classroom or at home. **Remember to send your students videos (to either osterley.studios@sky.uk or studios.livingston@sky.uk) so we can showcase their work.**

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:

OSTERLEY - Phone: [0333 100 1234](tel:03331001234) | Email: osterley.studios@sky.uk

LIVINGSTON - Phone [01506418640](tel:01506418640) | Email: 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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Topic choice

If you decide that you would like to change the topic 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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LIVINGSTON - Phone 01506 418 640 | Email: studios.livingston@sky.uk

Lunch space

FACT: News Reporting 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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