

## **FILMCLUB**

FILMCLUB nationwide charity that helps schools set up after-school film clubs, providing young people with the chance to watch, discuss and review a diverse range of films – feed their imagination and nurture their social and intellectual development.

You can find out more about the service (which is **free** to state funded schools) below, or by visiting [www.filmclub.org](http://www.filmclub.org).

We currently support around 7000 primary and secondary schools across the UK, and as the Schools Support Coordinator for Norfolk, I currently support 151 film clubs across the county and would love to bring FILMCLUB to many more schools.

### **About FILMCLUB**

FILMCLUB is a government backed and Ofsted commended educational charity that enables schools to set up and run extra-curricular, weekly film clubs.

FILMCLUB is flexible, easy to use, and covers all age groups from Key Stage 1 right through to Key Stage 5. Through FILMCLUB, young people watch, discuss and review the very best in world cinema every week. With the chance to see a total of 39 films in an average school year, club members are taken on diverse film journeys, which in turn support their cultural, social and academic development.

The charity (no. 1136558) is championed by headteachers and key figures in education, and has grown from a 25-school pilot in 2007 - with support from the Department for Education, the Welsh Assembly and LOVEFiLM - to reaching 220,000 children each week, in over 7,000 clubs.

Membership to the organisation is **free** for state-funded schools and includes:

- A curated catalogue of thousands of free films delivered straight to the school through our partner, LOVEFiLM
- A content-rich website
- Online reviewing
- A dedicated club web page to manage your club
- FILMCLUB branded resources and materials to attract pupil membership
- A varied industry interaction programme shared on the website with all members

- Personal school support and advice

### **Benefits to young people**

FILMCLUB aims to broaden the horizons of young people, developing their cultural awareness and vocational aspiration. FILMCLUB can also support students' learning by making cross-curricular links in an informal setting.

Young people who join their school's club become members on the FILMCLUB website and part of a growing online community with a critical and creative focus. Online members are able to submit reviews, enter exciting competitions, identify films they would like to watch at their club, and learn about the film industry.

Participation in FILMCLUB has a positive impact on students' critical thinking, discussion and literacy skills, as well as building confidence and developing social skills. Being fully inclusive, FILMCLUB has also been found to integrate isolated or disengaged young people.

The following pages on our website have some useful information regarding the educational value and potential impact of FILMCLUB:

[www.filmclub.org/about/results](http://www.filmclub.org/about/results)

[www.filmclub.org/blog/staff-articles](http://www.filmclub.org/blog/staff-articles)