

## **Ofsted See The Benefits of Creative Partnerships!**

Ofsted remarks that Creative Partnerships schools have seen; “notable improvements in their levels of achievement and in measurable aspects of personal development, such as attendance”; whilst school leaders were confident about the value of the programme and it’s impact on teaching and learning.

Ofsted visited 44 schools for the report and found that almost all were using creative approaches which had a “perceptible and positive impact on pupils’ personal development and on their preparation for life beyond school”. Schools in challenging circumstances showed the greatest improvements in pupils’ ability across a range of key areas. This was confirmed by considering inspection reports from 180 more schools.

**Norfolk & Norwich Festival are currently recruiting for schools to join the Creative Partnerships Enquiry School Programme 2010/2011. The deadline has been extended due to popular demand and we will be accepting applications until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

The Creative Partnerships programme is a 1 year government funded creative learning programme aimed at schools. The programme helps enable schools to work with creative practitioners of any discipline and create and run a bespoke project, whilst addressing issues of development outlined in the school improvement plan. Ofsted recently published a report recognising the benefits for schools who had participated in the Creative Partnership Programme, inspectors stated that they had seen measurable improvements in key areas and:

- That there had been notable improvements at CP schools in pupils levels of achievement and in measurable aspects of personal development, such as attendance.
- That Headteachers at CP schools attributed changes in policy and practice to participation in CP projects.
- That evidence gathered during visits to CP schools from schemes of work, pupils’ portfolios and discussion indicated improvements in the curriculum and in the breadth of pupils’ learning
- That Creative Partnerships had demonstrated how even the most reluctant pupils could be engaged and excited.
- That each secondary school which had been involved in Creative Partnerships identified good examples of projects that had supported mainstream learning effectively; this had encouraged pupils to explore National Curriculum topics in practical and creative ways.

If you would like further information regarding how to apply for the Creative Partnerships Enquiry School programme, a programme whose benefits are recognised by Ofsted and designed to tailor itself in regards to the schools, teachers and pupils needs then please contact Louise Dennison on 01603 877765  
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Application is via our online database, which can be found at:  
<https://creativeweb.creative-partnerships.com>

An application guidance document is attached [here](#).