

Guardian News and Media Education Centre

The Guardian News and Media Education Centre is located in the Guardian's new offices at Kings Place, London. The centre runs a variety of **whole day workshops** in the purpose built classroom, where students create their own newspaper front page using the latest state-of-the-art technology. The students interact with that day's news and pictures or archive news material. The emphasis is on choice and **applied learning** - students have to select their stories, set their news agenda for their audience, write and edit stories, choose pictures and produce their page - all to a tight deadline.

"The relaunched Education Centre provides an authentic newsroom experience for children aged 8 to 18. It introduces them to the rigours of news-gathering and allows them to understand the editing, writing and photo-journalism in real-time on the Guardian's own production systems. It **inspires young people** with the gathering of news and the importance of newspapers and websites. It aids the development of media literacy at a time when the volume of news provision is greater than ever. It connects the Guardian to readers of the future but also represents to our staff a long term commitment to journalism and training."

Alan Rusbridger, Editor in Chief, Guardian

As with the main newspaper, the news continues to change and be updated throughout the day, so the lead story in the morning might be relegated to a minor one in the afternoon. The experience provides students with a real sense of what it is like to work for a newspaper. By engaging with the news in this way they get to see how newspaper stories are constructed and obtain a deeper understanding of the world in which they live. For 2009/10 the centre is launching a range of digital workshops to include podcasting and video news editing.

"Our visit to the Guardian Education Centre was inspiring. The Swindon teachers really valued the CPD session. It provided lots of practical ideas for immediate use in the classroom. The English team are running a news day in July and they were delighted with the resources and strategies that could be used to engage students."

Heather Siebenaller, Citizenship SSAT Lead Practitioner

"I really enjoyed the experience and it has definitely given me an insight into the of a day journalist It is very high tech and the quality is fantastic."

Student, East Barnet School

As well as its newspaper front page workshops, the Newsroom also runs a range of other activities to **support students in engaging with the news**. It also offers a tour and talks programme for KS4 and KS5 students as well as teacher conferences and CPD.

For full details about the centre can be found at www.guardian.co.uk/gnmeducationcentre or you can contact the education centre at educationcentre@guardian.co.uk or telephone 020 3353 3306/7. Please note, that the workshops are booked a year in advance and the Education Centre runs a waiting list.