

# Art at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History for Secondary Schools

Many artists, writers and craftsmen have been inspired by the wonderful architecture and rich collections at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

A diverse and visually stimulating collection of natural history specimens can inspire any art class from Key Stage 3-5.

Complimenting a range of art topics and themes, the Museum features an expansive collection of rocks, minerals and fossils, animal specimens, and insects that provide an excellent springboard for gathering material and developing ideas for art projects.



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### Sketchbook intros

If you are bringing a group to the museum, you may like to be welcomed with a 'Sketchbook Introduction'. An Education Officer will greet your group, give a brief introduction to the collections and building, show examples of artwork using museum sketchbooks, and give advice about the best techniques to use. Sketchbook introductions can be tailored to your theme.

### Specimen handling

The Museum also provides handling sessions for groups providing them with the chance to touch some of our handling collection specimens and learn more about them.

### Temporary exhibitions

The Museum also hosts a variety of temporary exhibitions that may also connect to themes that you are focusing on. Please see website for more detail on current exhibitions.

### Self-guided visit

School groups can book a self-guided visit to the Museum should they wish to. All self-guided visits must be booked in advance via the Education Bookings Line.



**To make a booking** or discuss visits in more detail, please contact the education team: 01865 282451 | [education@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:education@oum.ox.ac.uk)

**More information** on each activity can be found on the Museum's website: [www.oum.ox.ac.uk/educate](http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/educate)