

A woman with white hair and a brown coat stands on the left, looking towards a group of children. The children, wearing orange high-visibility vests, are gathered around a large, abstract sculpture made of stacked, rectangular blocks with various openings and textures. The scene is set in a lush, green park with large trees and dappled sunlight filtering through the leaves. The overall atmosphere is educational and outdoorsy.

YSP

# SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Facilitated Session  
Pre-Visit Information

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# Facilitated Session Overview

YSP Learning is delighted to welcome your school/college group to the Park this term.

YSP offers a unique learning opportunity for pupils and students to experience world-class sculpture in the beautiful Yorkshire landscape. We hope you have a wonderful and inspiring visit to YSP.

Key guidelines:

- Please check your booking confirmation email to verify the start time and duration of your facilitated workshop.
- All school groups taking part in an artist-led workshop must enter YSP via our Park Lane entrance. See 'Getting Here and On Arrival' for more information.
- Teachers and group leaders are responsible for their groups' supervision and behaviour and must accompany their group at all times.
- School groups must adhere to the following YSP accompaniment ratios:

## **School Years 1 to 3**

1 adult for every 6 pupils

## **School Years 4 to 6**

1 adult for every 10 pupils

## **School Years 7 to 11**

1 adult for every 10 pupils

## **School Years 12 to 13**

1 adult for every 15 students

- An invoice, including information about payment options, will be issued after your visit. Payments must be made within 30 days of the invoice being issued.

## **On arrival:**

Your lead artist will welcome you and your class on arrival at YSP Learning. We advise you to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of your session in order to use the toilets. There are a limited number of toilets at YSP Learning, so it can take time for everyone to use these facilities. Lunch boxes and bags will be stored securely at YSP Learning before the start of the session.

## **Indoor spaces and lunch:**

Our sessions are primarily based outdoors and we recommend school groups dress for the weather and do not wear school uniform.

School groups who book an artist-led session will be allocated an indoor space to store bags and use as a lunchroom. You are also welcome to eat lunch outside at one of our picnic areas or sit on the grass.

If the weather is particularly poor, part of the session may take place in the indoor space. This is at the discretion of teachers and can be discussed with your lead artist.

# Getting Here and On Arrival

YSP is located one mile from junction 38 of the M1.

The best postcode to reach YSP Learning using a SatNav is **WF4 4JS**

## From the North or South:

Exit M1 at Junction 38, take the A637 towards Huddersfield, following signs for Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

## From East or West:

Leave M62 at Junction 29 and take M1 South towards Wakefield and Sheffield. Exit M1 at Junction 38, take the A637 towards Huddersfield, following signs for Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

## Getting to YSP

Follow the A637 into West Bretton village and turn onto Park Lane (junction identified by war memorial). Stay on Park Lane until you arrive at the entrance to YSP's grounds.

## On Arrival

All school groups taking part in an artist-led visit are asked to arrive at our Park Lane entrance - please see the map below. Any coach/mini-bus arriving at our main entrance will be asked to exit YSP and re-enter via our Park Lane entrance.

On arrival, the entrance gate will be closed and a member of the visitor experience team will welcome you and open the gate to let you on site. If there isn't a member of YSP staff at the gate when you arrive, please call our Learning office number **+44 (0)1924 832528** for assistance.

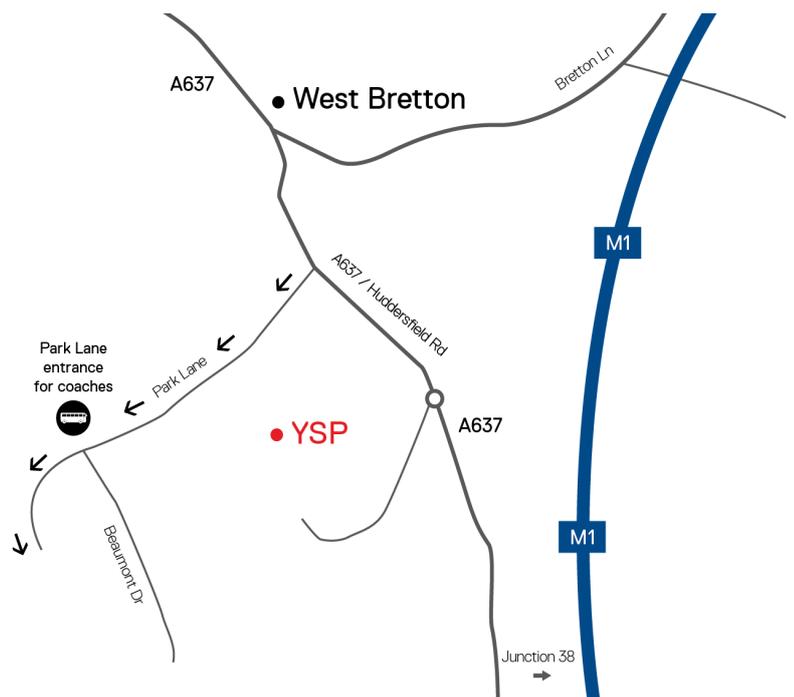
## Coach Parking

Follow the drive down towards YSP Learning and Café. Coach parking is located behind this building. Once your group has been dropped off, coaches must park in the coach park by YSP Learning. If your coach needs to leave YSP during your visit, coaches must drive up to the entrance gate, where automatic sensors will trigger the gate to open. On re-entry, coach drivers will be let back in by a member of the visitor experience team, or can

ring YSP Learning on **+44 (0)1924 832528** for assistance.

## Check In

Your lead artist will welcome you off the coach and direct you to your dedicated lunch room and bag storage.



# Facilities and Accessibility

## Toilets

There are public toilet facilities (including accessible toilets) at the main Visitor Centre, YSP Learning, The Bothy and The Weston. There is also a Changing Places toilet at YSP Learning.

Your lead artist will direct use of the toilets in small groups prior to the start of your session. We recommend you arrive early in order that your session can start promptly.

If part of your visit involves some self-guided time, groups are advised to divide down into smaller groups (10 students & 1 adult) when entering any YSP buildings, to avoid overcrowding.

In the interest of child protection and safety, pupils under 16 must be supervised by an adult when using toilet facilities.

## Picnic

School groups who book an artist-led session will be allocated use of an indoor space for lunch. School groups are also welcome to picnic at YSP in our designated open-air picnic areas or on the grass. Please don't disrupt other visitors by picnicking too close to the sculptures. We also ask that when picnicking visitors dispose of rubbish responsibly in the bins on site, or take back with them on their coach.

## Food & Drink

There is a takeaway café at YSP Learning selling sandwiches and hot and cold drinks during the summer months, and a larger canteen style café at the main YSP Visitor Centre selling hot and cold food and drinks all year round. **Please note**, we regret that visiting school groups cannot eat packed lunches in the cafés.

The Weston Restaurant offers table service and is not suitable for school groups.

## Shop

Our shop stocks a limited range of pocket-money souvenirs suitable for school children. A small selection of souvenirs are also available to purchase in the café at YSP Learning.

**Please note:** some items in the shop are age restricted. It is YSP policy that we will not sell knives to anyone visiting as part of a formal learning or educational group. YSP staff are also trained to challenge anyone who looks under the age of 25 years old and request photo ID.

## Accessibility

Some areas of the Park can be difficult to access due to uneven terrain. Please let us know at point of booking about any access needs your group may have. Please speak to our Learning Administrator on **learning@yvsp.org.uk / +44 (0)1924 832528**.

We offer free use of wheelchairs, subject to availability – please call ahead on **+44 (0)1924 832631**.

Toilets are wheelchair accessible.

## Bloomberg Connects Digital Guide

YSP is part of the Bloomberg Connects app, which offers a fascinating new way to explore the gallery from anywhere in the world. You will find information about our collection of world-class modern and contemporary sculpture, curated walking routes, sound and video content from artists who have worked with YSP over the years, and enquiry questions and a series of Discovering Sculpture films in the 'Ideas to Ignite Your Imagination' section.

# Site Map



# The YSP Code

You can help us  
keep YSP beautiful.



Don't climb or sit on the sculptures. They're precious works of art.



Please supervise your children and respect the artwork.



Sorry but no ball games, kites, frisbees, skateboards or climbing trees.



Enjoy your picnic in our picnic area. No barbecues though.



Bins love litter. You know what to do.



Flowers and fungi are beautiful. Please don't pick them.



Keep your dog on a lead and use the dog waste bins.



Close gates behind you to protect our roaming animals.



Don't feed the animals.



No cycling. Leave your bikes in our cycle racks.



Take photos for personal use, except where photography isn't allowed.

# Health and Safety on Your Visit

## Risk Assessments

A risk assessment for your facilitated session will be issued when booking is confirmed.

The risk assessment includes information about livestock, open water and emergency procedures. See 'Take Care in the Landscape' for more information.

Our YSP risk assessment is applicable for all visiting groups and is intended as a guide only. YSP advises visiting groups to conduct a pre-visit to inform their own risk assessments prior to their visit. Teachers can book a free pre-visit by contacting Learning on [learning@yosp.org.uk](mailto:learning@yosp.org.uk) / +44 (0)1924 832528.

YSP is a registered charity, number: 1067908. YSP has public liability insurance up to £5m. Policy number UKMSTC90475.

YSP has a Quality Badge awarded by the Council for **Learning Outside the Classroom**.

## Emergencies

Your lead artist will have access to an emergency radio throughout the session. We have a network of First Aiders across the site and a fast response radio system in place to ensure first aid incidents can be attended to as quickly as possible.

If you are not with a lead artist, for all emergencies, non-emergencies or minor First Aid incidents, please contact a member of the YSP Visitor Experience team in the galleries and parkland, or call the information desk on **+44 (0)1924 832531**.

If you need to call 999 for the emergency services, please also inform a member of YSP staff or call the information desk. Staff will be able to direct the emergency services with detailed directions to find you most efficiently.

## Fire

In the event of a fire, please leave the building you are in via the nearest emergency exit and report to your group leader. Follow instructions provided by YSP Fire Marshalls.

## Supervision

**Teachers and group leaders are responsible for their groups supervision and behaviour and must accompany their group at all times.**

Please make sure you provide a contact number for the group leader on the day (this is required at point of booking). Please ensure your group adhere to the YSP code, which is provided in this booklet.

## Accompaniment ratios

Formal learning groups must adhere to the following accompaniment ratios:

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# Take Care in the Landscape

## Open Water

There are a number of open water areas within the Park that are identified on our free map and guide. Buoyancy aids are located at several points around the open water. Please take extra care when supervising in these areas.

## Inclement Weather

We endeavour to deliver our outdoor sessions in all weathers, and advise visiting groups to dress appropriately. If extreme cold, rain or snow develops during your visit, your lead artist will escort your group to an indoor space. Remember never to shelter under tree canopies in high winds. Do not climb the trees as this could damage our ancient trees and cause harm if the person were to fall.

## What to Wear

YSP is an outdoor gallery and covers a vast area, which means you will probably spend a large part of your day outdoors. It's important your group stays warm and comfortable while enjoying the parkland. Our grounds can become very muddy in winter, so please ensure your group wear appropriate footwear with good grip. Be prepared for all types of weather. In cold weather we advise thick socks, warm waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves. In warm weather wear a sun hat, use sun protection, drink plenty of water and bring water bottles to refill.

**Please note** that during summer months, there are high levels of pollen across the Park.

## Livestock

YSP is home to a large number of grazing animals throughout the Park. Please do not approach or try to feed the animals. Alternative routes are in place to avoid grazing cattle. Always wash your hands after coming into contact with areas which have livestock, especially before eating.

## Nesting Birds and Insects

There are many nesting birds and insects which migrate around the parkland. Do not approach nesting birds. Please keep to designated pathways when in woodland areas.

## YSP is a Busy Working Park

Please keep clear of horticultural machinery and watch out for moving vehicles. Please obey warning signage and diversion routes if posted.

## Non-Public Access Areas

Some areas within the grounds are signed as private. These areas should not be entered unless accompanied by YSP Staff.

# Make a Booking

To make a booking please contact our Learning Programme Coordinator on: **learning@yosp.org.uk / +44 (0)1924 832528**

Dates for your visit are based on artist and room availability and can be discussed at point of booking.

For further information about our facilitated Schools and Colleges programme, as well as ideas of how your visit can be aligned to Arts Award and Artsmark criteria and available CPD opportunities, please contact Kathryn Brame, Formal Learning Manager



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