

Cromford: The Director's Cut KS2/3

A fully planned day with one led workshop and two self-led activities. Alternatively, for an extra charge, Cromford staff can lead all the activities.

Come and develop your computing, filming and presenting skills. You'll soon be directing and starring in your own Cromford Mills-inspired film.

Cromford staff-led workshop

Bring your digital cameras or tablets* and we'll set you up to make your own Cromford-inspired film. You can choose to make either a short factual documentary or a short drama about children who worked at the mills. We'll provide suggestions, characters, cues and props and show you how you can use the mills and their surroundings as your film set! Your pupils will take on different roles - filming, presenting, acting, directing and scripting - and you can take your footage back to school to edit and present. This session will include a visit to The Arkwright Experience, a CGI audio-visual film that brings Richard Arkwright to life.

Self-led activities

All resources and instructions for the activities will be provided on the day. Detailed guidance on the activities can be sent in advance if requested.

- **Development and Pre-Production:** Working in small groups around the mills, the children will go on a fact-finding mission and start to develop the script and roles for their piece. Their 'pre-production' will help the group set the overall vision for their project, work out the shoot locations, roles and casting.
- **Principle Photography:** The group will need great teamwork, communication and co-operation to work together to shoot the different scenes for their film.

Visit programme

Staff-led and self-led activities are designed to last one hour each. Please bring enough adults so that your pupils can work in groups of around 5-6, with one tablet/digital camera per group.

9.30	Arrival, introduction to the site and Cromford Mills staff
9.45	Session 1 – Led workshop
10.45	Break
11.00	Session 2 – Development and Pre-Production
12.00	Lunch – either in the Education room, or in nice weather picnic near the canal or in the mill yard
12.45	Session 3 – Principle Photography
2.15	Conclude the day and prepare to leave
2.30	Depart Cromford Mills

Pre / Post visit activities

Post Production: Download your footage and work with the children to edit and create their own films. Video Editor on Microsoft or i-movie on Apple are great and simple to use.

For additional resources about Cromford Mills follow this link <https://www.cromfordmills.org.uk/primary-school> or look on the Cromford Mills website and follow the link through 'Learning' where you will find a downloadable collection of pdf documents.

Please contact Lyndsay if you would like more information, or to book a visit and/or pre-visit:

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*We can provide basic video cameras if needed, please enquire when booking.