

# CREATIVE FUTURES

## Get Ready for Creative Futures - Preparation Activities for Teachers and Students

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Maximise the impact of this exciting experience for your students by taking the time to prepare them for the Taster Day, as follows:

- **Research the Design Museum** – Use the museum's website [designmuseum.org](http://designmuseum.org) Ask students to research 3 key pieces of information about the museum and about each of the exhibitions open on the date of their Taster Day. They can report their findings back to the group.
- **Find out about Creative Futures** – Use the Creative Futures resource on the Design Museum website [designmuseum.org/schools-and-colleges/creative-futures](http://designmuseum.org/schools-and-colleges/creative-futures) Ask students to research the aims of the Creative Futures programme, and find out about some of the featured designers from previous Taster Days, by watching the short films and reading the Q&A case studies.
- **Find out about the Taster Day** – Use the Taster Day Outline on the Creative Futures online resource to prepare students for the content and the range of activities they will be participating in at the Taster Day.
- **Hold a classroom Q&A** – Develop students' confidence by running a practise Question & Answer session with them, to encourage their participation in the Q&A with the guest designer at the Taster Day.

- **Brainstorm questions for the Q&A** – Encourage students to ask the guest designer a question by brainstorming information they would like to find out about the working life of a designer: The designer Q&A at the Taster Day is their opportunity to find out what they really want to know about becoming a designer and working in the industry.
- **Champion a design or product** – Ask students to think of a design or product which has improved their own life. (This could include architecture, fashion, furniture, graphics, interactive or digital, 3D product or transport design). The Taster Day will begin with a warm-up activity around the theme: Great designs in which students will be encouraged to champion a favourite design or product.
- **Introduce the idea of using a sketch book** – Develop students' confidence using a sketch book: one of any designer's key creative tools. All students attending the Taster Days will be given a sketch book and encouraged to use it during the day (and beyond) to make notes and sketches of things that inspire and excite them.
- **Working with other students** – Students participating in the Taster Days will work alongside students from other schools and colleges, as in the real world of work. Encourage students to see this as an opportunity and please remind them that they will be representing your school or college throughout the day.

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