



Diorama art project, July 2020  
'Seaside in Sicily' by Mariangela (left)  
'Aquarium' by Rhianne (right)

**Student Voice**

*"I loved drawing the Vincent Van Gogh bedroom scene and I really enjoy the weekly Zoom calls because they help me keep updated with my artwork."  
(Genevieve)*

***"I really enjoyed it was EXCITING, HAPPY, RELAXATION!"  
(Ben P)***

**We're still smiling!**

Here at Art Inspired we are going strong, albeit still from afar! Students have been taking part in weekly art projects, phone calls and group video chats to stay in

touch, have fun and share our colourful creations. We've also hosted several fun quizzes which have been brilliant social events.

**Rhianne's lockdown story**

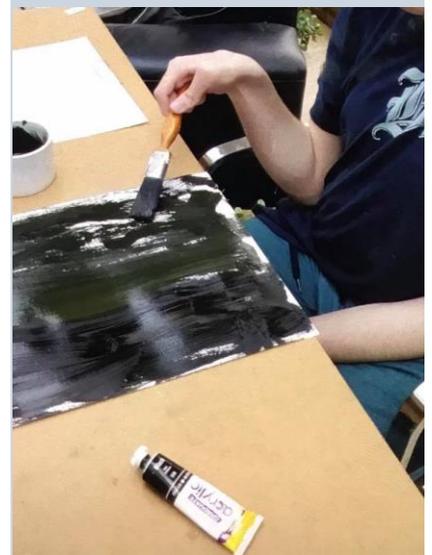
Lockdown has been very strange and I have missed going to my groups but have had lots of time with my family. I have enjoyed being in the garden when the weather is nice for BBQs and sunbathing and getting out for bike rides and walks. I have also found Zumba videos to do on rainy days.

Having Art Inspired on Facebook calls has given me lots to do and some structure to the day. It's been nice to chat with my friends from Art

Inspired as well as my friends from Living it Up on Zoom.

I have used the art materials to create a candle holder, a pastel drawing, lizard drawing, a new home card, a collage and a poem about my lockdown birthday. I have loved having art to do.

I am really looking forward to going swimming at Twinwoods when lockdown ends and going to Art Inspired and Living it Up in real life.



Ben has been making lots of excellent projects at home with some help from his mum. Here he is painting the background for his theatre set in the woods!



## Fancy Dress time!

There were some excellent fancy dress efforts for our Zoom and Facebook calls this month!

Getting dressed up is a favourite pass time for several of our students so we thought it would be fun to have a fancy dress group video call this month. We had a chef, a red Indian, a hula girl, a devil, a sailor and even Snow White turned up! It provided all of us with some well needed smiles and laughs.

**We will be hosting a fancy dress themed quiz on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 3.30 pm, with bonus points for the best dressed participants!** If

you're able to make a small donation for taking part, please visit our Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/youth-inspired-1>

## Getting ready to re-open

After nearly four months away, we are really missing our studio time together and are eager to get back as soon as we can. We are working towards a staggered re-opening from August, with smaller groups to start with and lots of precautions in place to help keep everybody safe. This is of course subject to Government advice at the time, but we are keeping everything crossed.

Everyone's art projects have been outstanding and it's so hard to choose just a few for this page! Clockwise from top left; Lost in the Woods set by Ben P, Frank Lloyd Wright collage by Jodie, Van Gogh's bedroom by Ben L and an Aboriginal Snake by Sam.



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