On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 52 Yr9 pupils took the train to Southend to discover what cultural opportunities we have on our doorstep! We started by walking around Southend City centre to photograph and discuss the Southend City Jam street artworks – spray painted murals and art pieces created by the most renowned street artists from across the world! We then settled in the Beecroft Art Gallery to complete art tasks which analysed artworks from their current exhibitions – which ranged from 'Southend on Scene' to private fashion collections. Pupils also took the opportunity to visit the Jazz centre withing the gallery and could talk with the volunteers about the Jazz collection and try out on the drums!

On our way back to Southend station we quickly popped in to see the current exhibition at The Focal Point Gallery, an immersive and interactive series of works. This visit was an opportunity for the pupils to also see Southend College and library, for possible post 16 links in the future! The pupils were on best behaviour and represented the school well! A great day out for pupils and staff alike! Well done Yr9!





