

Real brain

Location

Ground floor, All About Us exhibition

In a nutshell

What does a real human brain look like?

The human brain may appear simple, but inside all our memories, ideas and personality lie in a complex network of cells.



What to do

The brain is displayed so that its position and structure can be observed. Four short videos on the subject of donor bodies in science are available via the console next to the exhibit.

Time Required

KS1 & KS2 1 minute per student.

What's happening?

The human brain is a generous gift given to us by a donor. Our donor gave their permission to use their body in the All About Us exhibition to further the understanding, awareness and appreciation of the human body. This consent was given prior to the death of the individual. This exhibit allows our visitors to engage in the wonder of the human body, to see 'real science' in action through the screen presentation and to gain an appreciation of the body donation scheme for medical research purposes. We have worked in close partnership with the Centre for Clinical and Comparative Anatomy at the University of Bristol in the development of this exhibit.

Curriculum links

KS1/2	<p>English - Spoken language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers - ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge - articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions - give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings - maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments - consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
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Relates to:

Workshops & Theme Days	Shows	Trails	Other exhibits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body basics (KS1) • Brain and body day (KS1 & KS2 lower) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How my body works (KS2) • Brainworks (KS1 & KS2 lower) • Boggling Brains (KS2 upper) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell station • Ancient ancestors • Weigh a brain • Visible human

