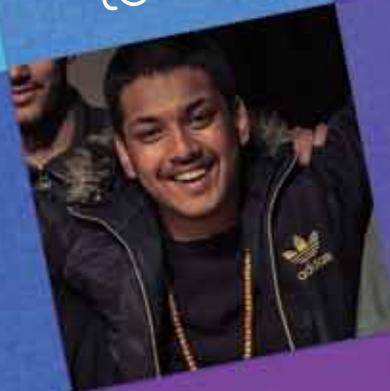


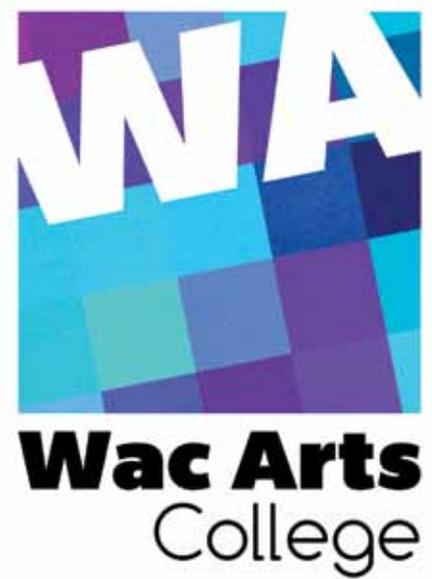
Wac Arts College

Empowering young people
to change their world



A young man with short dark hair is captured in a dynamic dance pose on a wooden floor. He is wearing a dark navy blue zip-up hoodie with white drawstrings and khaki-colored cargo pants. He is smiling and looking down at his hands, which are positioned near his chest. He is wearing dark sneakers. The background is a dark, solid color, and the lighting is focused on him, creating a strong shadow on the floor.

The right school can
transform your life..



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Wac Arts College provides alternative education for 14-19 year olds through a creative arts and media curriculum. The school consolidates over thirty years' experience of using arts and media education to turn disengaged young peoples' lives around.

Our ethos is founded on a number of principles that are embedded through our work in non-statutory arts and media education. These are that excellence and engagement through the arts:

- unlocks individual talents,
- fosters aspiration and achievement,
- empowers young people to acknowledge and celebrate their heritage,
- develops transferable skills for employability including communication, problem solving, team work, entrepreneurship and leadership.

We believe passionately that learning can - and should be - enjoyable. A creative curriculum puts pleasure back into learning, particularly if you have been alienated from or excluded by 'traditional' and 'mainstream' statutory education.

Avoiding and resisting learning in school can often be signs of imagination and creativity. Many young people in alternative education are especially well suited for a career in the creative industries.

Our curriculum ensures that young people are able to work towards meaningful accreditation and qualifications. This will then enable you to access the creative industries and other post-19 options in accordance with your aspirations and dreams.

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What Wac Arts College can do for you

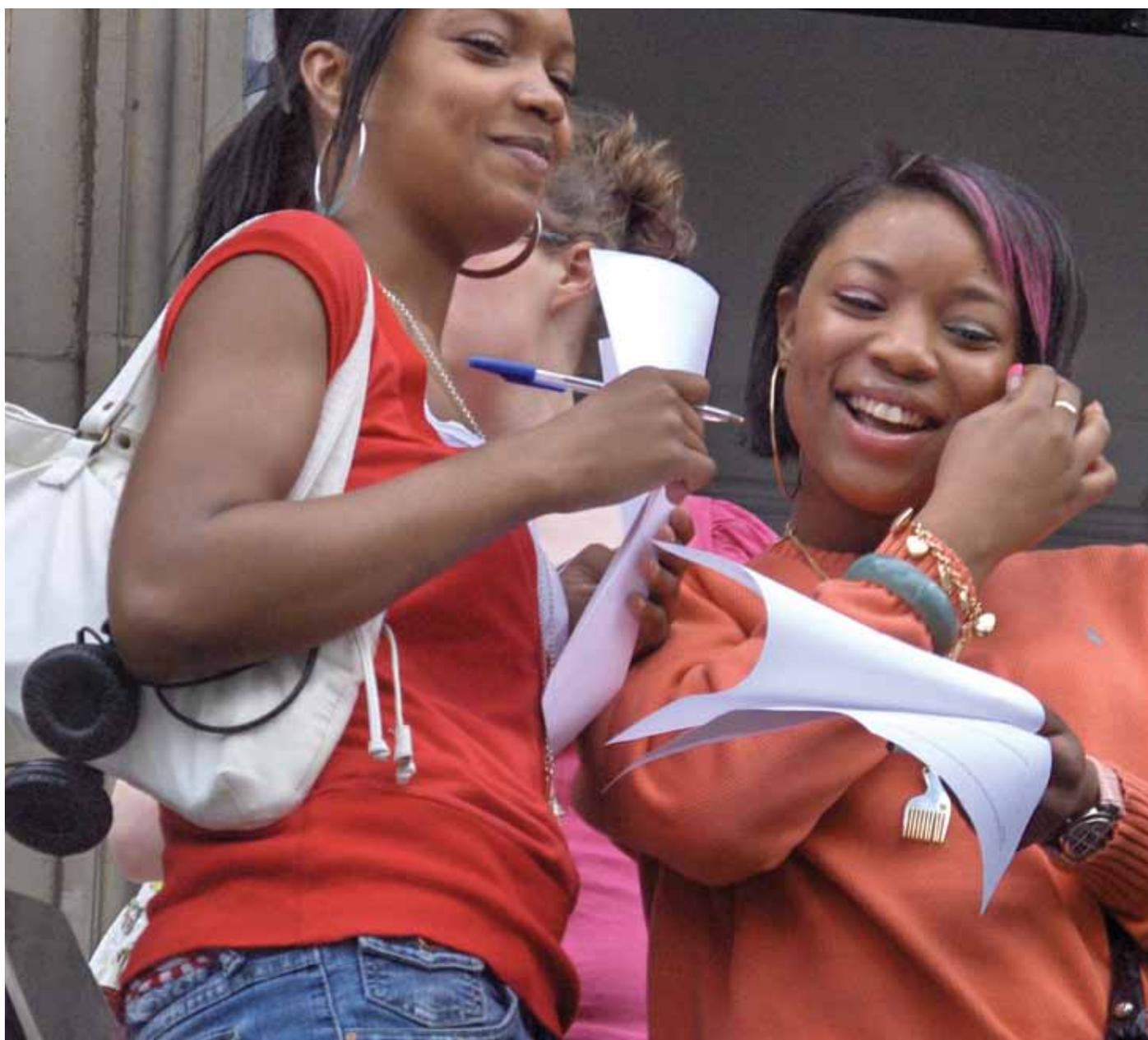
Wac Arts College is for people aged 14 to 19 **and it could help to change your life.**

Maybe you are still at school and looking for something different. Or perhaps you left school without the qualifications you wanted. Either way, Wac Arts College could give you a fresh start with a programme that is designed around you, your talents, your needs, your hopes and your ambitions.

Wac Arts College will give you choices. You can come to us for a few sessions a week or take a full-time arts programme, and it will open up options for your future.

Beyond sessions at the school itself, your programme will include visits, trips and work experience – great ways for you to develop networks and make contacts.

The Wac Arts College team will be at hand whenever you need them. They really do want what's best for you and they'll support you as you move on to further education, training and employment.



Is Wac Arts College for you?

Wac Arts College students have to be creative, motivated people. They need to be ready to work hard to achieve success in the creative industries – like art and design, music, TV and radio, web design, photography and performance.

They are often also people who have found that mainstream education hasn't worked for them. There could be many reasons for this, and Wac Arts College will take those reasons on board. We offer small classes so that each student gets the attention they deserve and need.

Maybe your situation has made it difficult for you to feel motivated or perhaps you've been excluded. Whatever the case, the Wac Arts College team will take time to get to know you better – to understand your ambitions, your particular needs and any difficulties you're going through. We'll look at the way you learn and any issues you have with school attendance. We'll talk to you about your feelings and your behaviour and consider how things are for you at home.

We really care about our students. We want you to be happy and to reach your fullest creative potential. Our aim is to help you overcome any barriers, to release your creativity – to encourage you to learn, and to give you the right tools and skills for success.



Curriculum and qualifications

We understand that different people will have different skills when they join Wac Arts College. That's why we guide students towards courses, qualifications and career opportunities that match their talents and personal learning style.

Wac Arts College offers an integrated curriculum that promotes transferable skills. In other words, what you learn in creative sessions can be applied in an academic or vocational context too. For instance, the literacy skills you learn in a vocals class are just as valuable as the literacy skills you'd learn in an English lesson.



There are classes in dance, digital arts, animation and web design, art, drama and performance, music technology, photography, physical theatre, video editing, vocals and spoken word, English and mathematics. Qualifications on offer include GCSE, A-Level, BTEC, NVQ, LOCN Units, Arts Awards and Functional Skills.

Beyond that, we offer a wide range of opportunities for personal development including one-on-one instrumental tuition, residential trips to the countryside and access to established Wac Arts programmes such as the degree-equivalent Diploma in Musical Theatre.

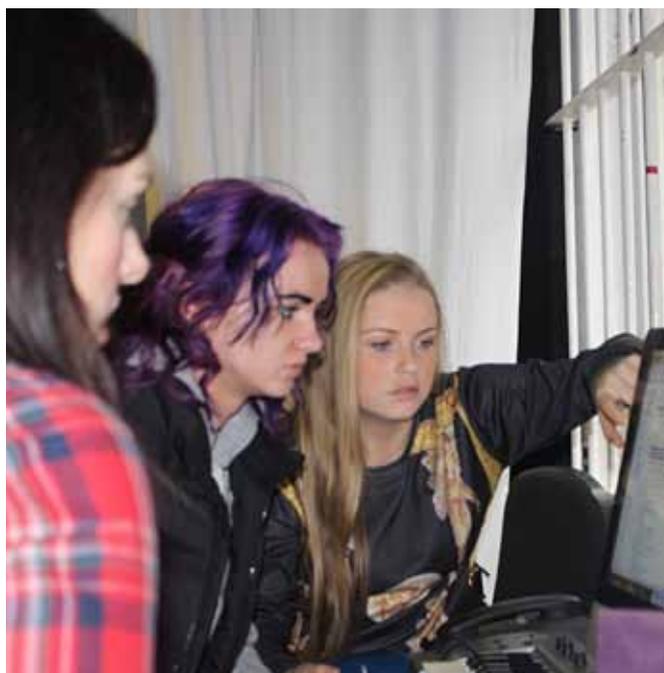


Our curriculum offer

Core	Creative	Extended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English (GCSE, Functional Skills certificates, OCN etc.) • Humanities (GCSE, Functional Skills certificates, OCN etc.) • ICT (Information Communication Technology) (GCSE, Functional Skills certificates, OCN etc.) • Maths (GCSE, Functional Skills certificates, OCN etc.) • Media Studies (GCSE, Functional Skills certificates, OCN etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Dance • Digital design • Drama • Film • Music • Voice <p>All creative courses will be accredited either at GCSE or alternative (BTEC, OCN, ASDAN, Arts Awards etc.) depending on students' starting point.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical instrument • Modern foreign languages • Volunteering • Senior WAC • Duke of Edinburgh Awards • Sports • RSA Opening Minds Curriculum

Pre-16s

The pre-16 curriculum will be delivered through project based activities and each project will last approximately two weeks. Students will be expected to try everything to begin with. However, as the year progresses you will be offered choices so you can focus on the creative areas you enjoy most and in which you are achieving well. Year 10 and 11 students will be taught together and students will be divided into groups based on stage not age. Indeed, if appropriate, in the second part of the year or for year 10's returning for year 11, some will work in year 12 and year 13 programmes.



Post-16s

Post-16 students with no or very poor qualifications will access our level 1 and 2 curriculum. You will select two disciplines from the following: drama vocals, dance, digital design, music production and video production. Students will also have the option of a third discipline. You will work towards NOCN qualifications in these subjects at level 1, 2 or 3 depending on your starting point.

Please see the college website www.WacArtsCollege.co.uk for more details on our curriculum.



Where Wac Arts College will take you

Let Wac Arts College take you on a journey.

It will help you gain qualifications and free up your creativity. It will offer you opportunities to gain experience and to build your CV, your networks and your contacts.

The college will build on the partnerships Wac Arts has with organisations such as the Roundhouse, Tricycle Theatre, the Media Trust and New Horizons and work with experts such as Capital Radio, BBC, Foundation for Life and the Brandon Centre. These partners and experts will help you develop skills for the workplace and gain further

education or training. By participating in extra-curricular activities you will show that you can stand out from the mainstream. Wac Arts College will encourage you to gain experience in many different ways – from working in studios and theatres to volunteer work with young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

You will find that all these different experiences are valuable and transferable. Wac Arts College will help you to discover your creative talents and open the door to a more exciting and fun way to learn and develop skills.



Admissions

If you want to apply to Wac Arts College, you first of all need to be *referred* to the school. There are different admission systems for each age group:

- for 14-16s, the referral must be made by your school or Local Authority,
- people aged 16-19 can be referred by the school, or by Social Services, Youth Offending Teams, hostels and hospitals, family centres and Youth Offender Institutions. You can also refer yourself.

Please contact us on 020 7692 5860 for more information on making your application. We will talk with you about the different options we can offer.



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14-16s

Your interest in the performing arts and the media is top priority, but there are also other issues we take into consideration.

Priority is given to 'Looked After' children. Applicants will also be given priority if they are at risk of exclusion from school or have been excluded, if they are engaged with a Youth Offending Team, have special educational needs or meet disability criteria.

Priority will also be given to students who have additional needs that affect their ability to cope in mainstream education or if they have no school place.

16-19s

The 16-19s programme is designed for young people who have left school with few or no qualifications. If you are in this age group you can refer yourself or be referred by a range of organisations (see above). Contact details are listed at the back of this prospectus.

As with the 14-16 age group, your interest in the performing arts and the media is top priority, but there are other issues we will also consider.

Priority will be given to applicants who are care leavers or ex-offenders, to people who are homeless or have a young family, and to people who are refugees or newly arrived in the UK.

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Wac Arts College is on Haverstock Hill in London NW3. It is two minutes from Belsize Park Tube station (Northern Line), near Hampstead Heath Overground station and is served by the 168, 268, C11 and 46 bus routes.

The college is close to Hampstead Heath and nearby there are shops, banks, a cinema, cafes and restaurants. It is also close to Belsize Community Library, the Talacre Sports Centre and the Royal Free Hospital.



Qualifications and accreditation bodies

A Level	General Certificate of Education Advanced Level; an academic qualification in a specified subject taken in two parts at AS and A2.
Arts Award	Nationally recognised, practical and creative award to inspire arts and leadership talent; introductory level and four accredited levels.
ASDAN	Awarding body offering nationally approved employability and personal development qualifications at three levels.
BTEC	Vocational, work-related qualifications from entry level to Higher National Diplomas; in practical, interpersonal and thinking skills.
Duke of Edinburgh	Youth charity offering an award scheme for 14-24s to develop skills for life and work, fulfil potential and have a brighter future.
Functional Skills	Qualifications in English, mathematics and Information and Communication Technology (ICT); basic skills training for everyday life, education and the workplace.
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education; an academic qualification in a specified subject.
LOCN Units	London Open College Network units of assessment building up to nationally recognised, vocational qualifications.
NOCN	National Open College Network; the national awarding body for Open College Network flexible, unit-based, vocational qualifications.
NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications; work-based awards in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Five levels assessed by competences.
OCN	Open College Network; regionally based awarding bodies offering flexible, unit-based, nationally recognised, vocational qualifications.
RSA Opening Minds	Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce; a competence based learning framework in citizenship, learning, information management, and people and situation skills.

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