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HELLO...

We're Access Creative College, the UK's largest creative training provider. We're a part of the Access Education Group that also includes Access Sport, Access Industry (apprenticeships), and dBs Institute (undergraduate and postgraduate creative courses).

We've specialised in creative education for over 30 years and have campuses in Birmingham, Bristol, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Norwich and Plymouth. We deliver creative college courses in music, media and games.

Our welcoming campuses are loaded with the facilities you'll need to bring your creative ideas to life, and friendly tutors with real industry experience who will guide you every step of the way.

Our campuses aren't just where you'll go to learn; they are the focal point of a diverse creative community. So not only will you feel completely at home studying with us, you'll get to collaborate with like-minded people who share similar interests and aspirations to you.

We believe the combination of our facilities, our specialist creative courses, our staff and creative community make Access Creative College the best place to study your creative course, but don't just take our word for it... our alumni include Ed Sheeran, Jess Glynne, Rita Ora, Amy Love from Nova Twins, BAFTA Award winning game designer Aysheq Hussain, and many, many more.

This mini guide will give you an overview of Access Creative College and what makes studying with us a unique and exciting experience. However, the best way to find out about studying with us is to visit us at an open day or taster day, and experience what we can offer in person. We hope to see you very soon!

OUR FACILITIES

Our Lincoln campus is situated on the corner of Clasketgate and Flaxengate. The space is creative and social, with a dedicated area for you to chill out and network with your coursemates and fellow students between lessons.

Music Facilities

Write and produce your own songs in our music labs using Logic Pro X, practice in our dedicated rehearsal spaces kitted out with amps, drums, keyboards and microphones, and perform in our own performance space complete with PA system, Allen & Heath mixing desk and MagicQ lighting desk. We also have a professional recording studio with Audient mixing desk and Focusrite audio interfaces for you to record, mix and master your tracks, ready for release.



Media Facilities

Create your best content in our media lab with Apple iMacs loaded with all the software you'll need, including your own Adobe Creative Cloud licence that you can use on your own computer at home (whilst you are studying with ACC). You will also have access to a range of bookable cameras, lenses, lights and production hardware. Everything you'll need to create great photography or moving image content.



Games Facilities

Get ahead of the game in our games lab, equipped with gaming PCs by Overclockers, VR headsets and production software including Unreal Engine, Unity, 3ds Max and Blender, the same tools used by the industry. Everything you'll need to develop your ideas into a finished game, ready to release.



OPEN DAYS & TASTER DAYS

Find out what studying with us is really like by visiting us at an Open Day and Taster Day.

OPEN DAYS

Sat 12 Oct 2024	11am - 2pm
Tues 10 Dec 2024	6pm - 7:30pm
Sat 25 Jan 2025	11am - 2pm
Sat 22 Mar 2025	11am - 12:30pm
Sat 21 June 2025	11am - 12:30pm

TASTER DAYS

Sat 16 Nov 2024	11am - 1pm
Tues 25 Feb 2025	6pm - 8pm
Tues 29 Apr 2025	6pm - 8pm

READY TO JOIN US?

Step 1: Book yourself onto an Open Day and Taster Day

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At our **Open Days**, you can tour our campus, check out our amazing facilities and get all your questions answered by our friendly staff and student ambassadors. You usually attend an open day with a parent or guardian.

Taster Days are where you can get hands-on and try out the course or courses you're interested in studying with us. You could record a song, make a short film, design a magazine cover or create a 3D game asset.



To book your place at an Open Day and Taster Day, visit accesscreative.ac.uk/events or scan the QR code.

Step 2: Apply and Book an Interview

If you feel like you're ready to apply, you can apply using our easy online application form at accesscreative.ac.uk/apply or scan the QR code. It only takes a few minutes, and once you've submitted your application you'll be able to book your interview at a date and time to suit you.



PROGRESSION

Like A Levels, our Level 3 courses generate UCAS points that are recognised and accepted by universities and training providers nationwide. This means you'll have lots of progression options to choose from including degrees and apprenticeships. Read on to find out more about progression opportunities within the Access Education Group and our partners.



Study an undergraduate degree at dBs Institute

Scan to find out more.

dBs Institute are part of the Access Education Group with state of the art campuses in Manchester, Bristol and Plymouth. They offer a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses in music and games.



Study a foundation or undergraduate degree at Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies

Scan to find out more.

Confetti is a specialist creative institute and part of Nottingham Trent University, with campuses in Nottingham and London. They offer foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses in music, media, games and esports.

THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The UK is a global leader in creativity, and the creative industries are a vital part of the economy. IT, software & games, film & television, advertising & marketing, publishing and music & the arts are among the highest performing industries.

- The creative industries are a financial powerhouse, annually contributing over £124 Billion pounds to the UK economy.
- There are over 2.4 million people employed in the UK creative industries, up by 318,000 since 2019.
- The creative industries grew by 6.8%, twice that of the UK economy as a whole.

Source - Creative Industries Council

APPRENTICESHIPS

Study a Level 3 or Level 4 apprenticeship with Access Industry

We offer a range of apprenticeships through Access Industry. As an apprentice you are employed by a credible company earning money while you learn. You will receive both on the job training and college based learning, and when you complete your apprenticeship, you will be able to progress to the next level, explore freelance or employed work in your chosen industry, or continue your studies at university.

We work with high profile employers including Disney, PRG, White Light and the Royal Albert Hall.

The apprenticeships offered by Access Industry include:

Level 2 Apprenticeships

- Customer Service Practitioner
- Community Activator Coach

Level 3 Apprenticeships

- Creative Industries Production Technician
 - Live Event Technician Pathway
 - Creative Venue Technician Pathway
 - Screen Lighting Technician Pathway
- Cultural Learning & Participation Officer
- Event Assistant
- Multi-Channel Marketer
- Content Creator
- Software Development Technician
- Business Administrator
- Community Sport & Health Officer

Level 4 Apprenticeships

- Software Developer
- Assistant Recording Technician
- Sports Coach



For more information about apprenticeships, scan the QR code.

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LEVELS OF STUDY

We offer courses at Level 2 and Level 3. Find out what the difference is between each level and what their entry requirements are below, to help you pick the right course and level for you.

Level	Equivalent To	Course Duration	Entry Requirements
Level 2	4 GCSEs	1 Year	3 or more GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English Language or Literature.
Level 3	3 A Levels	2 Years	4 or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English Language or Literature.

▶ Find your perfect course with Access Creative College.



STUDENT WORK

Collaboration is at the core of what we do. Work with your fellow students from across all of our subjects and campuses, as well as ACC staff and wider industry professionals and organisations to turn your ideas into reality.



GAMES

For more information on our games courses, scan the QR code.



Level 2 Games Development (One year)

This course provides an introduction to both games art and games development. Learn about game engines as you develop your own games and animations. Understand how to market your games via traditional and social media channels, while researching the games industry and careers.

Level 3 Games Development (Two Years)

Learn game development tools such as game engines and 3D modelling software. Create game-ready animated 3D assets, learning skills such as anatomy modelling, retopologizing, textures and much more. Gain an understanding of player psychology, game mechanics and narrative techniques, exploring how these combine to create engaging gameplay.

Level 3 Games Art (Two Years)

Develop a strong portfolio of 2D and 3D art with a focus on concept art and games design. Use 3D modelling tools to create game-ready animated 3D assets, learning skills such as anatomy modelling, retopologizing, textures and much more. Gain an understanding of player psychology and narrative technique, exploring how these combine to create captivating games.

Career Progression

From Level 3, progress to university, an apprenticeship, freelancing or employment. Typical careers include games developer, games artist, level designer, QA tester, animator, or VFX artist. You can also pursue careers in the wider creative industries.

From Level 2, progress onto a Level 3 or T Level course, or apprenticeship.

MEDIA & DESIGN

Level 3 Film, Videography & Photography (Two Years)

Develop practical and theoretical skills in film, video and photography. Learn pre-production, camera technique, composition and lighting, as well as photo, video and audio editing. Use cameras, tripods, lenses, portable lights and sound recording equipment, plus a photography studio and media lab with Adobe Creative Suite for post production.



Career Progression

From Level 3, progress to university, an apprenticeship, freelancing or employment. Typical careers include filmmaker, director, photographer, graphic designer, animator, VFX artist and content creator. You can also pursue careers in the wider creative industries.

From Level 2, progress onto a Level 3 or T Level course, or apprenticeship.

For more information on our media courses, scan the QR code.



MUSIC

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Level 2 Music Performance and Technology (One Year)

Take your first steps into music performance and composition. Learn composing, remixing, arranging, rehearsal techniques and stage performance. Explore the music industry, how money is made, how to analyse music, and how your favourite artists influence your own sound and style.



Level 3 Music Performance (Two Years)

Work with expert staff to develop your setlist and stagecraft, and gain stage performance experience. Explore music theory, composition and arrangement to turn your ideas into complete songs. Develop employability skills through industry and marketing lessons, learning how to build a successful career in music.

Career Progression

From Level 3, progress to university, an apprenticeship, freelancing or employment. Typical careers include singer, musician, producer, DJ, sound engineer, composer or music journalist. You can also pursue careers in the wider creative industries.

From Level 2, progress onto a Level 3 or T Level course, or apprenticeship.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development is an important part of your study programme, developing your wider skills for work and life. We'll help you reach your potential and find your path to the next big step. In Professional Development lessons you will:

- Make aspirational and informed decisions about your next steps
- Develop your career readiness
- Monitor your progress on your course
- Prepare for adulthood
- Grow your personal development, promoting your wellbeing and life skills

Professional Development is also about showcasing and celebrating your talent, including the chance to be selected for an award.



MATHS & ENGLISH

If you're aged 16-18 and don't have a GCSE Grade 4 in Maths and/or English, you'll have to retake it while studying with us. Our curriculum uses the creative subject you're studying to give you real-world examples of Maths and English, so you can retake your exams with a new-found confidence.



For more information about our Maths & English offer, visit accesscreative.ac.uk/maths-and-english or scan the QR code.

STUDENT SUPPORT

We support students with learning difficulties and differences, disabilities and medical conditions, young people who are in or leaving the care system, students who are carers and students who are estranged from their families.

We also provide financial support through bursaries that help towards costs including travel, meals, essential course materials, trips, childcare and support for vulnerable young people.



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