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Information Pack

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The Wac Arts Schools Festival is a programme of workshops facilitated by professional artists culminating with all participating schools coming together at Wac Arts in the Old Town Hall on the **22nd of May** to celebrate and share their work with an invited audience of family, friends and the local community.

Following the success of the 24/25 Festival we are excited to offer the opportunity for secondary schools to devise and create original performances, films/animations and/or curate an exhibition inspired by this year's theme: **Connections - People, Place and Purpose.**

We are inviting schools to submit a Creative Group formed of 10-25 young people to devise:

A Live Performance (Year 7-10)

Dance, Music, Physical Theatre, Spoken Word, Theatre etc.

And / Or

A Creative Arts Exhibition (Year 7-10)

Animation, Collage, Photography, Painting, Visual Arts etc

"My favourite bits of the workshops were collaborating with friends and classmates, being given opportunity to improve writing skills and incorporating my sense of creativity"

Schools Festival 2025 participant



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Participating schools will receive

- 1 x 2-hour introduction workshop
- 4 x 2 hour in-school creative workshops with industry professionals.
- A festival day celebrating students work in the form of a performance or exhibition on the 22nd of May.



The fee per Creative Group for the Schools Festival 2026 is £600.

To apply please complete the online application form using the link below. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss your application please email schools@wacarts.co.uk

[Application form for Schools Festival 2026](#)



"The overall experience of the WAC Arts School Festival Programme was incredibly enriching and inspiring for both students and staff. The programme encouraged confidence, experimentation with new techniques, and a deeper understanding of the creative process. Students left feeling proud, empowered, and more connected to their own artistic identity, and the opportunity to see their work celebrated publicly was both motivating and memorable" - **Teacher from Schools Festival 2025**

FAQS

When will the Schools Festival take place?

Workshops will begin in January and continue monthly up until the festival day on the 22nd May.

What time will the sessions take place - within the school day or after?

This is completely up to you. All sessions will be scheduled to fit around your school timetable. We will agree on the dates and times of your sessions before the beginning of the Christmas break.

Where will the Schools Festival sessions take place?

- **Workshops:** These take place at your school once a month leading up to the Schools Festival Day. We can also arrange for your introduction workshop to be held at Wac Arts.
- **The Schools Festival Day, Friday 22nd May 2026:** The event will be held at Wac Arts, Old Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, London, NW3 4QP.

What resources will Wac Arts provide?

Where possible, all groups are encouraged to consider sustainability and source reusable materials for their projects. Additional resources that are specific to your Creative Project Group and may incur a cost can be explored with your professional artist and Wac Arts during the process.

What is the commitment for teachers?

- Initial meeting with the Schools Festival team (30 mins). This will take place during the Autumn term to align diaries and answer queries in advance of the Schools Festival.
- The Lead Contact for each school will be responsible for all administration and correspondence with the Schools Festival team for the duration of the Programme.
- Arrange transport for young people (and any artwork they may create) to and from The Old Town Hall for Introductory Workshop and/ or the Schools Festival Day.

If you have any further questions, please contact schools@wacarts.co.uk