

Schools Festival 2027



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 **Thursday 27th May** to celebrate and share their work with an invited audience of family, friends and the local community.

Following the success of the 25/26 Festivals 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: **The World Within, The World Around.**

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, Devising etc.

And / Or

A Creative Arts Exhibition (Year 7-10)

Animation, Collage, Photography, Painting, Visual Arts, Textiles etc

'The amount of people from this year group that have signed up for art next year has doubled in comparison to last year, which I thinks is a reflection on how effective the project has been'

**Teacher from Schools Festival
2026**



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Participating schools will receive

- 1 x 2-hour introduction workshop
- 4 x 2 hour in-school creative workshops with industry professionals.
- Other delivery formats of workshops are available (half days/full days etc)
- A festival day celebrating students work in the form of a performance or exhibition on the **Thursday 27th May 2027**.

The fee per Creative Group for the Schools Festival 2027 is £600.

The full programme value is £2,600, with Wac Arts heavily subsidising participating schools

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 2027



"The students increased in confidence, enthusiasm, and engagement with the creative process, particularly those students who do not take part readily in new experiences. The opportunity to view and discuss artwork from other schools was also highly valuable and broadened their understanding"

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 27th May 2027. Other workshop formats are also available.

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 (Or at the agreed timetable) leading up to the Schools Festival Day.
- **The Schools Festival Day, Thursday 27th May 2027:** 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 that 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 the Schools Festival Day.

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