

Wac Arts presents...

Schools Festival Programme 2024-25



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Wac Arts is thrilled to announce the Wac Arts Schools Festival Programme for the academic year 2024-25.

We are offering up to 7 secondary schools in Camden and the surrounding boroughs the opportunity to devise and create original performances and/ or creative exhibitions inspired by the theme **Celebration of Heritage**. The projects will be shared at the Wac Arts Schools Festival on Friday 23rd May 2025 to an invited audience of family, friends and the local community.

We are inviting Schools to submit a **Creative Project Group** formed of 10-30 young people to devise:

A Live Performance (Year 9-10)
Theatre, Dance, Spoken Word, Music, Singing, Movement etc.

A Creative Arts Exhibition (Year 7-10)
Visual Arts, Painting, Collage, Drawing, Combined Arts, etc.

Each school can submit a maximum of 2 groups.

Schools from the following boroughs are invited to apply: Camden, Hammersmith & Fulham, Ealing, Brent, Westminster, Barnet, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and the Cities of London.

How it works

APR - JUL 2024

Notification of successful applications. Schools sign and return **Partnership Agreements**.

MON 22 APR 2024

Applications open. Schools submit entry information online.

SEP - OCT 2024

Introductory Workshops take place, led by your Wac Arts Facilitator.

NOV - MAY 2024-25

The devising, making and rehearsal process. You will be supported by 5 half-termly workshops with your Wac Arts Facilitator.

FRI 23 MAY 2025

Schools come together at Wac Arts for the **Schools Festival**, a day of workshops, creative exhibitions and performances.



What's included?

- **A Wac Arts Facilitator** will be allocated to each Creative Project Group to guide young people and teachers throughout the creative process.
- **Introductory Workshop** Each Creative Project Group will meet their Wac Arts Facilitator during a 2-hr practical workshop introducing them to Wac Arts and the theme of the project. This session takes place at Wac Arts or at your school.
- **Creative Project** Your Wac Arts Facilitator will deliver a 2-hr practical workshop at your school each half term in the build up to the festival (10 hours of support in total), supporting each Creative Project Group with their creative arts or rehearsal process.
- **Schools Festival** Creative Project Groups from each school come together at Wac Arts' Grade II Listed Building in Belsize Park for a day of workshops and to showcase their hard work in front of an invited audience!

The fee per Creative Project Group for the 2024-25 Schools Festival Programme is £540. Wac Arts heavily subsidise participating schools involved in the Schools Festival Programme, the full value equating to £2,600 per Creative Project Group.



"I enjoyed performing and developing new creative and acting skills with my friends. I also enjoyed how comfortable and encouraging Wac Arts were with us."

**Student, Age 14
Northolt High School**



"Thank you so much... It is really important to us to enrich our students experiences at school as much as possible with varied learning opportunities so [Wac Arts'] time and expertise is much appreciated."

**Head of English, Drama, Media & Art
The Hurlingham Academy**

Why take part?

- **Inspire** your students with an exciting extra-curricular performance or creative exhibition opportunity.
- **Collaborate** with arts industry professionals to create an original, high-quality piece of work.
- **Elevate** students' creative skillset, including the following areas of the **National Curriculum**:
 - Devising, making and creative expression.
 - Performance including movement, character, voice and presence.
 - Group work, leadership skills and creative autonomy.
- **Enrich** Arts Award and Duke of Edinburgh activity participation hours.
- **Celebrate** young people, your local community and build a creative network with other schools.



Get in Touch

To find out more and to get involved, please visit wacarts.co.uk or Get in Touch with the Wac Arts Schools Festival team on schools@wacarts.co.uk.

Our work with Schools & Communities

Wac Arts produce creative programmes, events and workshops for and with young people and adults in educational, community and youth settings in Camden and beyond. Our aim is to enable access to the arts by supporting participants to have fun and be inspired.

You can find out more about Schools & Communities via the Wac Arts website.



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