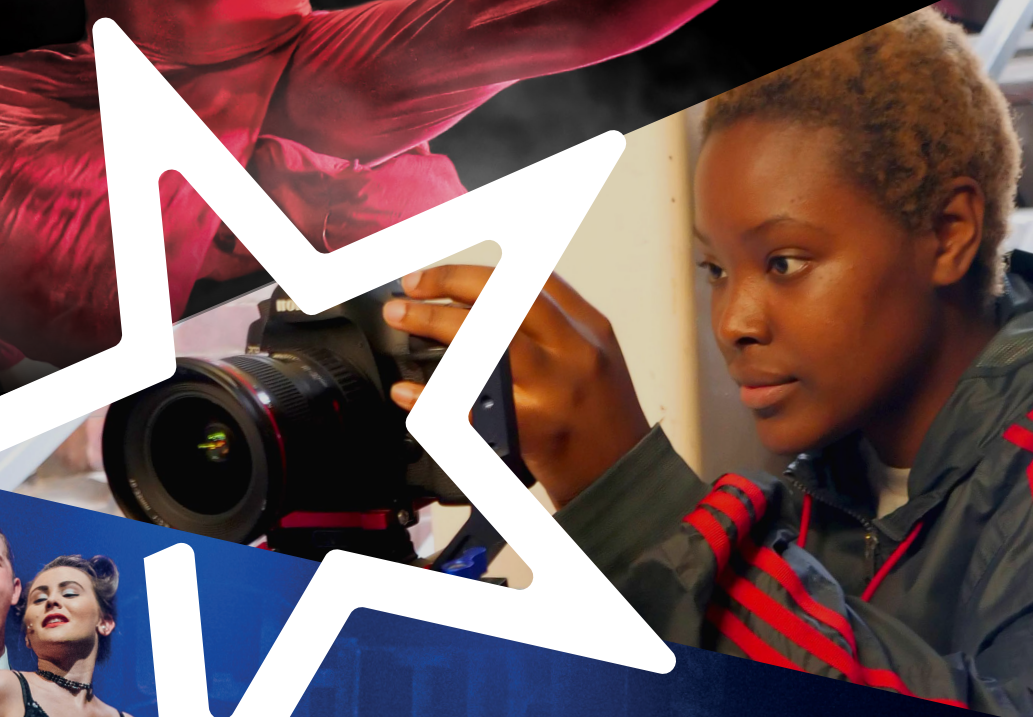




PROSPECTUS

2023



Full time specialist Arts training and
education for students ages 16-19

WELCOME TO CAPA COLLEGE

CAPA College provides full-time Arts training and education for students aged 16-19 from across the North of England. Led by outstanding professional teachers, practitioners and creatives, our courses combine rigorous academic Arts study with intensive practical training delivered in industry-standard facilities. This, combined with ample performance opportunities, exceptional pastoral guidance, regular guest masterclasses and external projects, ensures our students have all the tools they need to prosper in their Artistic careers.

**99% A*-C
RESULTS**

**OFSTED
OUTSTANDING**

INSPIRATIONAL

CAPA College trains and educates the next generation of performers, creatives, designers and technicians

PROFESSIONAL

Combine intensive practical training with outstanding academic Arts study

EXPERIENCE

Perform in acclaimed venues and alongside professional artists and companies

SUPPORT

From health and wellbeing to nutrition, finance, careers advice and SEND support, pastoral guidance is paramount to what we offer at CAPA College

OPEN DAYS



**4 DECEMBER
15 JANUARY**

To book your place visit:
www.capa.college/open-days/

CAPA
COLLEGE

THE NEW HOME OF CAPA COLLEGE

CAPA College opened its doors as Wakefield's first (and still only) DfE-funded Free School in September 2018 and remains the only non-fee-paying specialist Creative and Performing Arts College of its kind in Yorkshire or the North East.

In September 2022 we opened the doors to our new multi-million-pound, state-of-the-art facilities on Mulberry Way (opposite Wakefield Westgate train station). This enabled us to double our student intake and significantly expand our outreach and education programme to offer more classes and projects; host touring companies and special events; and establish a new Centre for Arts Entertainment in the heart of West Yorkshire.

STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES

- 150 Seat Theatre
- Outdoor Amphitheatre
- 5 Dance Studios
- 5 Singing Studios
- 3 Drama Studios
- Television & Video Studio
- Media Studio & Print Room
- Sound Studio
- 2 Production Workshops
- Technical Workshop
- Design Studio
- Costume Workshop
- Wardrobe
- Set Store
- 2 Lecture Theatres
- 2 Classrooms
- Public Café with Outdoor Terrace
- Social Learning & Breakout Areas

Equipped with the latest technology, industry-standard equipment and the finest rehearsal and performance spaces, this is unprecedented in the North of England.

CAPA College is a flagship for Arts Education in the North.



MUSICAL THEATRE

PERFORMING ARTS COURSE PATHWAY

This exciting, all-round Performing Arts course provides students with versatility in terms of their skill set, creative approach and awareness of the Arts. Musical Theatre is the key genre studied on this pathway with graduates progressing to leading roles in the West End, Hollywood film and British TV. However, students gain the breadth and depth of experience to progress into other specialist areas from contemporary dance to music production, choreography to directing.

CURRICULUM

- Musical Theatre: Song and Dance
- Acting Through Song
- Vocal Technique
- Singing Ensemble
- Acting Technique
- Page to Stage
- Devised Theatre
- Acting for Camera
- Jazz
- Commercial
- Contemporary
- Ballet
- Choreography
- Body Conditioning & Anatomy

PHENOMENAL PRODUCTIONS

RIGOROUS & CHALLENGING

We equip students with the skills, experience and work ethic required to flourish in their chosen careers

EXTENSIVE

Full-time teaching and learning in lectures, workshops, theory classes, rehearsals and performances

REGULAR MASTERCLASSES

Led by CAPA College's resident team of specialist teachers and the UK's leading Arts professionals and companies

We offer three exciting Musical Theatre tracks. All offer equally robust Performing Arts training, however the qualification package differs to suit individual learners. Students will gain the following qualifications (equivalent to 4 A Levels):

- Track X: A Level Dance and UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing and Production Arts
- Track Y: A Level Dance, A Level Drama and UAL Level 3 Diploma in Performing and Production Arts
- Track Z: A Level Drama and UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing and Production Arts



PRODUCTION ARTS

TECHNICAL AND CREATIVE THEATRE COURSE PATHWAY

This exciting 'hands-on' course combines vocational, practical training with academic study. In Year 1 the course offers a broad range of training in all aspects of Design, Technical Theatre, Media and Production in theatrical, film and live-event contexts. In Year 2 students can specialise, hone their skills and develop depth of knowledge, understanding and expertise in their chosen area of interest.

CURRICULUM

- Set Design
- Set Construction
- Lighting Design
- Sound Design
- Mask-Making
- Stage Management
- Crewing
- Make-up and Prosthetics
- Design Skills
- AV Techniques
- Live Events
- Lighting Operations
- Sound Operations
- Production Techniques
- Film and Video Editing
- Camera Techniques
- Music Video Production
- Audio Production
- Music Technology
- Graphics
- Digital Video Production
- Animation
- Photography
- Rigging
- Costume Design and Construction

DIGITAL INNOVATION

TECHNOLOGY

Students have access to industry-standard facilities, state-of-the-art equipment and the latest technology

CREATIVE DESIGN

In addition to technical skills and training, design and concept realization are also essential parts of the course

WORK PLACEMENTS

Students gain extensive experience in a range of different venues to ensure that they are able to adapt to different spaces and operating systems

Students on the Production Arts: Theatre, Film and Media course pathway will gain the following qualifications (equivalent to 4 A Levels):

- UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts (Production Arts)
- BTEC Level 3



FILM AND TV PATHWAY

CINEMATOGRAPHY AND PERFORMANCE

This practice-led course is the perfect introduction to theatre and filmmaking – both in front and behind the lens. Film and TV encompasses a wide range of artistic mediums and is led by award-winning actors, teachers, dramaturgs and filmmakers. Project-based learning enables students to explore their interests, develop their expertise and build a portfolio of work which leads to professional careers in a range of creative industries.

CURRICULUM

- Film Production
- Software
- Devising
- Writing for performance
- Acting for camera
- Directing
- TV Production
- Editing
- Presenting
- Live Broadcast
- Graphics
- Musical Technology
- Marketing
- Filmography
- Theoretical Concepts
- Film Analysis
- Cinematography
- Set Etiquette

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL

At CAPA College students work alongside cutting-edge creatives, award-winning production companies and access professional equipment

PROJECT BASED

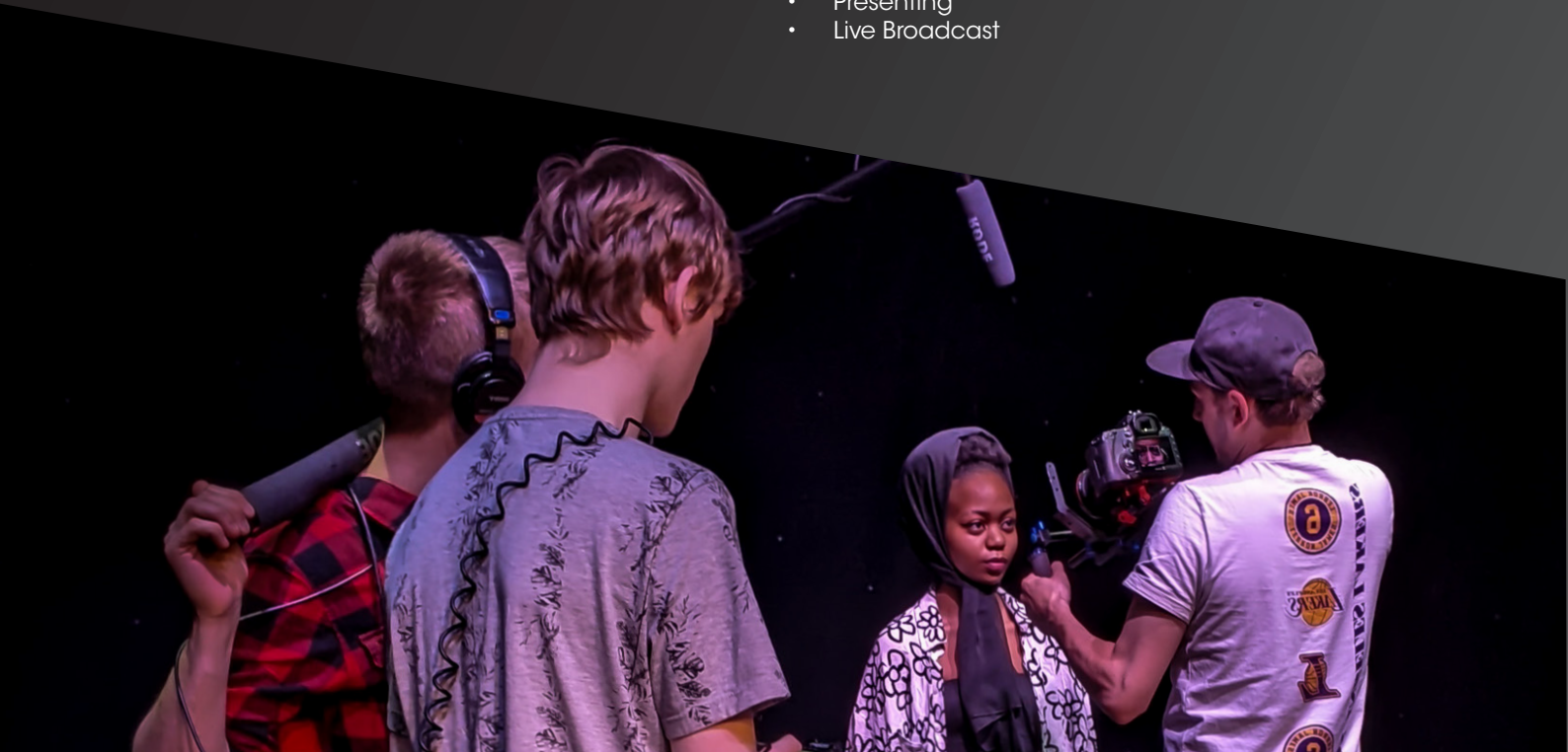
From planning and writing to shooting, editing and postproduction, this course pathway is entirely project based so that students learn new skills, develop their creativity and build a phenomenal portfolio of work

EXEPTIONAL FACILITIES

CAPA College's Film and TV facilities are unprecedented in the North of England. Alongside studios and performance spaces, students benefit from access to a 360-degree virtual reality suite and colour grading technology

Students on the Film and TV: Cinematography and Performance course pathway will gain the following qualifications (equivalent to 4 A Levels):

- UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts (Drama & Production Arts)
- A Level Drama & Theatre Studies



DRAMA PATHWAY

STAGE AND SCREEN

This course offers an extensive programme of technical training, creative development, directed performance and theoretical teaching led by CAPA College's team of leading Arts professionals. Students gain experience and versatility in their approach to their practice on stage and screen, developing their skill set as both a performer and creative and leading to professional careers in a variety of Art forms.

CURRICULUM

- Acting – Stage and Screen
- Directing
- Devised Theatre
- Scripted Performance
- Contemporary Theatre
- Physical Theatre
- Improvisation
- Theatre in Education
- Scriptwriting
- Theoretical Concepts
- History of Drama
- Drama Analysis and Appreciation
- Singing for Actors
- Body Conditioning
- Production Skills
- Dance and Movement

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

SPECIALIST

The curriculum incorporates everything from film and TV acting to devising, directing, improvisation, physical theatre, dance, movement and singing for actors

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

From scriptwriting workshops to exploring new writing, students are at the forefront of latest trends and developments in the industry

COLLABORATION

Students gain experience in a range of mediums and work collaboratively with students on CAPA College's other course pathways

Students on the Drama: Stage and Screen course pathway will gain the following qualifications (equivalent to 4 A Levels):

- UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts (Drama)
- A Level Drama & Theatre Studies



DANCE PATHWAY

CONTEMPORARY AND COMMERCIAL

This course provides students with intensive, professional dance training. In Year 1 students develop their skill set, creative approach and awareness of Dance with a broad and balanced curriculum. In Year 2 students specialise their Dance focus to further hone their skills and develop their level of expertise and interest. While most students progress to Dance-based HE courses and careers, graduates will have the versatility and transferable skills to diversify into other areas of the Creative Arts sector.

CURRICULUM

- Contemporary – Release, Graham and Cunningham
- Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Commercial
- Jazz
- Choreography
- Improvisation
- Body Conditioning
- Yoga
- Dance in Education
- Dance Theory
- History of Dance
- Anatomy
- Dance Analysis and Appreciation
- Voice for Dancers
- Production Skills

TECHNICAL TRAINING

AWARD WINNING

Our curriculum is led by an outstanding team of teachers and acclaimed choreographers who focus on technical and creative development

EXPERIENCE

Students learn different artistic approaches, styles and methods through regular masterclasses and residencies by visiting artists and companies

PERFORMANCE

Phenomenal opportunities from in-house showcases and productions to competitions, touring shows, professional debuts and wide-scale events

Students on the Dance: Contemporary and Commercial course pathway will gain the following qualifications (equivalent to 4 A Levels):

- UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts (Dance)
- A Level Dance





SUCCESS STORIES

CAPA College graduates go on to study at leading national and international conservatoires and universities



JOHN-WILLIAM WATSON

CAPA College Graduate 2016

John was a member of the prestigious National Youth Dance Company and a finalist in the BBC Young Dancer 2017. He is now a choreographer and a Sadler's Wells Young Associate.

'CAPA College offers truly outstanding training. It enabled me to discover my love for performance; provided the training and education for me to succeed and the confidence and aspirations to apply for a place at an international dance school'



BRONWYN JAMES

CAPA College Graduate 2012

Bronwyn studied BA (Hons) Acting at ALRA North. Professional credits include Hangmen (Royal Court Theatre and West End), Harlots (BBC), Wild Bill (ITV), The ABC Murders (BBC) and Outlander (Amazon Prime Video).

'CAPA College is an excellent place to train and prepare you for higher education and a career in the Arts. I gained so much experience working with a range of inspiring and diverse artists, companies and teachers'

EMILY-MAE

CAPA College Graduate 2014

Emily studied BA (Hons) Musical Theatre at Arts Educational School. Professional credits include Hairspray (UK Tour), The Producers (Royal Exchange Theatre), title role in Pippi Longstocking (West End), Frozen the Musical (West End). She is currently starring in the debut of Are You As Nervous As I Am? (Greenwich Theatre).

'CAPA College bursts with positivity, talent and passion not only from the students but also from the approachable and highly-skilled staff'



STUDYING AT CAPA COLLEGE

AWARD WINNING

with accolades from across the Arts and Education sector including National Theatre, Sadler's Wells, U.Dance, BBC Young Dancer and Sky TV

CAPA College has an award-winning team of top professional teachers, directors, choreographers, designers and technicians. The College was judged as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2022. Pastoral guidance is paramount at CAPA College. Students are assigned a personal tutor and receive extensive support on health and welfare, finance, careers, HE applications, auditions and interviews. We have a dedicated Student Welfare Officer, appoint Student Leaders and all staff and students are encouraged to engage with our RESPECT, REFLECT & CONNECT pastoral syllabus.

TOP 1%

in the UK for student progress with 100% of graduates progressing to 1st choice HE institutions or straight into professional Arts employment

COURSE COSTS

There are no course fees to pay at CAPA College. Some students may be eligible for a means-tested bursary to support students in FE

RESULTS

99% A*-C
100% Pass Rate

ALUMNI

CAPA College graduates have gone on to study at leading national and international conservatoires and universities, including RADA, The Place, Rambert School, Arts Educational School, Guildford School of Acting, Institute of the Arts Barcelona and Royal Conservatoire of Antwerp. Our graduates go on to notable careers in the industry, from Hollywood actors to TV stars, West End performers, directors, screenwriters, leading lighting and sound engineers, musical directors and entrepreneurs.

HOW TO APPLY

Stage 1

Complete an application form online at www.capa.college or email admissions@capacollege.co.uk

Stage 2

Applicants will attend an 'Audition/Interview Day' which will include:

- A showcase performance by current students & presentation by staff
- Group question & answer session with staff and current students
- Participation in group audition/practical classes (specific to course pathway)
- Individual interview

Stage 3

Applicants will receive confirmation of whether or not they have been successful. Some applicants may be invited to a recall stage

Stage 4

Recall audition – invited applicants will present pre-prepared material and undergo an interview

Stage 5

Applicants will receive confirmation of whether or not they have been successful at the recall stage be looked at closely for evidence of passion, aptitude and the potential to make the most of their time at CAPA College

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to CAPA College requires a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C/level 4 or above to be confirmed in writing by the applicant's current school on enrolment day. This needs to include grade C/level 4 or above in GCSE English and GCSE Maths. In exceptional circumstances a student with a grade D/level 3 in either GCSE English or GCSE Maths (but not both) may be accepted.

All course pathways are subject to viable student numbers and a funding agreement with the DfE. Full details of the CAPA College Admissions Policy is available at www.capa.college

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