



# BECOME PART OF THE

*Excellence*

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



**OFSTED  
OUTSTANDING**

**100% A\* - C  
RESULTS**

# WELCOME TO CAPA COLLEGE

*Where dreams  
come true*

At CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) College we are dedicated to helping young people who are passionate about the Arts take the next step towards a bright future in the industry. Our unique, full-time provision offers intensive practical training to give you the skills, experience and qualifications you need to kickstart your professional career.

There is nowhere else like this in the North of England. Our facilities are aligned with the top industry standard, we invest heavily in cutting-edge tech and our team are incredible professionals who have worked in the West End, on TV, in film and on cruise ships around the world. We have everything you need to train at the highest level and turn your dreams into a reality.

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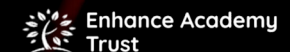
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**“WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WHO IS SERIOUS ABOUT PURSUING A CAREER IN THE ARTS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE BEST TRAINING”**

**Claire Nicholson**  
CAPA College Principal



## A *Message* FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I'm so excited to have you join us on this journey into the Creative and Performing Arts. At CAPA College, our ethos can be summed up with three key values: Accessibility, Collaboration and Excellence. These aren't just words to us – they shape everything we do.

First, Accessibility: We believe that everyone who is serious about pursuing a career in the Arts should have access to the best training, no matter their background or circumstances. We provide incredible experiences, high-quality education and exceptional support to help you reach your goals – and, as Wakefield's only Department for Education-funded Free School, there are no course fees to pay at CAPA College.

Next, Collaboration: We're a team here at CAPA College. We create, grow and achieve together. From the classrooms to the studios, we work hard, push each other and have a lot of fun along the way. Respect, equality and open communication are really important to us – they're what make our College such a supportive, creative space.

Finally, Excellence: We set the bar high – for our students, our staff and the work we create together. We're all about pushing boundaries, challenging ourselves and striving for greatness in everything we do.

We're proud of the fact that CAPA College was rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in January 2022 and that our students' progress places us in the top 1% nationally. Last year, our graduates achieved 100% A\*-C grades and went on to study at some of the top Arts conservatoires and universities in the UK and abroad.

Our alumni have forged spectacular careers – from West End performers and Hollywood actors, to international lighting designers and leading theatre, film and television producers.

CAPA College is about more than just getting good grades. You'll have the chance to be part of professional projects, take part in guest masterclasses, get real-world work placements and perform in some amazing shows. We want to prepare you not just for exams, but for life in the Arts, giving you the tools you need to thrive in whatever path you choose.

We're incredibly proud of what we've built here, and we can't wait to see what you'll achieve as part of the CAPA College Family. We're here to support you every step of the way – to help you grow, develop and take the next steps into an exciting future in the Arts.

**Let's get started!**





# A NOTE ON OUR CREATIVE

*Vision*



**Eddie Copp**  
Creative Director

Welcome to CAPA College, a place where creativity thrives and visions take shape. As Creative Director, I invite you to join us on a transformative journey that will fuel your passion and prepare you to shape the future of the Arts.

We offer five distinct pathways, each designed to help you discover your potential. In the Musical Theatre pathway, you'll blend dance, drama and singing, perfecting your craft for unforgettable performances. The Dance pathway allows you to explore various styles – from ballet to tap – as you express yourself through movement.

For aspiring storytellers, the Drama pathway immerses you in acting, directing and scriptwriting to prepare you for a successful career in theatre and film. If filmmaking is your passion, the Film and TV pathway offers practical training to help you craft narratives that resonate globally. Behind the scenes, the Production pathway equips you with the skills needed to bring productions to life – from costume to lighting design.

## YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Choosing our College means embracing a future filled with possibilities. Whether your dream is to shine on stage, creative captivating productions or innovate in film and television, we're here to support you every step of the way. In the world of Creative and Performing Arts, developing your unique voice is crucial. Here, we will help you amplify that voice and ensure it's heard on a global scale.

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Your journey here extends far beyond traditional learning. Take part in live performances that challenge and inspire you; collaborate on innovative projects that stretch your imagination; and showcase your work at prestigious events that open doors to new opportunities. These experiences will not only build your confidence, but also invaluable connections within the industry.



## A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

With access to state-of-the-art facilities and industry-standard equipment, at CAPA College you will be empowered to explore new ideas and push creative boundaries under the guidance of experienced professionals who are dedicated to nurturing your talent.



**HIGH**

*Quality*



**ARTS**

*Education*





# MUSICAL THEATRE

## Pathway

Get ready to unleash your talent! Whether you dance, act, sing - or all three - this pathway is your ultimate gateway to the world of Musical Theatre. You'll gain hands-on experience in everything from Jazz dance and singing repertoire to scriptwriting, choreography and acting through song. With world-class performance opportunities and the chance to collaborate on original productions, you'll graduate with the skills, passion and versatility needed to take centre stage and thrive in any creative role you choose.

### "CAPA College bursts with positivity & passion

not only from students but also from the very approachable, and highly-skilled staff."

**Emily-Mae Walker**  
CAPA College Graduate 2014  
Hamilton (West End)



## CURRICULUM

### DANCING

Tap  
Jazz  
Ballet  
Commercial  
Contemporary

### ACTING

Page to Stage  
Devised Theatre  
Acting Technique  
Acting for Camera

### SINGING

Repertoire  
Song & Dance  
Vocal Technique  
Singing Ensemble  
Acting Through Song

Unique to students at CAPA College, those on our Musical Theatre pathway have the option of our **exclusive singer songwriter programme** to further their training in vocal recording, music production, songwriting and instrumental performance.



**PROFESSIONAL**

*Masterclasses*

**PRACTICAL**

*Training*







# DANCE

## Pathway

At CAPA College, dance training isn't just about learning moves – it's about transforming your passion into a professional career. With state-of-the-art facilities and incredible professional artists as your mentors, you'll take your skills to the next level. Our dynamic curriculum offers countless opportunities to perform, grow and shine on stage while earning top qualifications. Whether you're aiming for further training or ready to dive into the industry, CAPA College will shape you into a versatile, accomplished performer.



### "CAPA College offers truly outstanding training"

It enabled me to discover my love for performance and provided me with the education, confidence and aspirations to apply for an International Dance School."

**John-William Watson**

CAPA College Graduate 2016  
Choreographer (Sadler's Wells)



## CURRICULUM

Tap  
Jazz  
Ballet  
Aerial  
Hip Hop  
Commercial  
Contemporary:  
Release, Cunningham  
and Graham

Yoga  
Acting  
Improvisation  
Dance Theory  
Choreography  
Creative Practice  
Acting for Dancers  
Body Conditioning  
Singing for Dancers



A woman in a purple shirt stands in the center, gesturing with her right hand. She is looking upwards and to the right. Two men in purple shirts are seated at a desk in the foreground. The man on the left is looking up at the woman, while the man on the right is looking down at a laptop. The background features a chalkboard with large letters and a string of letters hanging from the top.

**WORLD**  
*Class*

**PERFORMANCE**  
*Opportunities*





# DRAMA

## Pathway

The Drama Pathway at CAPA College covers all things stage and screen! You will study the fundamentals of acting while building your skills as a creative – with some incredible performance opportunities along the way. You will be taught by industry professionals to ensure that you develop the most up-to-date knowledge to equip you for an exciting career in the Arts.



**"CAPA College is an excellent place to train and prepare**

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."

**Bronwyn James**

CAPA College Graduate 2012  
Wicked, 2024 (Universal Pictures)

## CURRICULUM

### DEVISING

Directing  
Scriptwriting  
Improvisation  
Devised Theatre

### PERFORMANCE

Presenting  
Acting for Camera  
Scripted Performance  
Contemporary Theatre

### ANALYSIS

Drama Theory  
Drama Analysis  
Applied Theatre  
History of Drama

### PHYSICALITY

Stage Combat  
Physical Theatre  
Body Conditioning  
Dance and Movement





**EXCEPTIONAL**

*Teaching*

**INNOVATIVE**

*Technology*





# FILM & TV

## Pathway

This dynamic, hands-on course is your ticket to an exciting career in TV Production and Filmmaking! With access to cutting-edge technology, you'll explore your unique vision as a filmmaker while developing essential skills in all aspects of Film and TV. Under the guidance of award-winning directors, dramaturgs and filmmakers, you'll dive into a world of innovative projects, build an incredible portfolio of work and kickstart your professional career.



### "CAPA College inspired the development of my professional career"

It allowed me to grow and go from strength to strength with the support and dedication of the staff team."

**Fern Jessop**

CAPA College Graduate 2016  
Screenwriter and Director  
(Out Like a Lamb)

## CURRICULUM

### PRE-PRODUCTION

- Theory
- Film Analysis
- Screen Writing
- Location Scouting
- Production Scheduling

### PRODUCTION

- Directing
- Live Mixing
- Art Direction
- Camera Skills
- Broadcasting
- Lighting for Film
- Cinematography
- Sound Recording
- Filming for Marketing

### POST-PRODUCTION

- Editing
- Visual FX
- Showcase
- Sound for Film
- Colour Grading
- Festival Submissions





**DYNAMIC**  
*Projects*

**INSPIRING**  
*Experiences*





# PRODUCTION

## Pathway

Are you ready to kickstart your journey into the technical and creative world of theatre and live events? This course provides professional training for the next generation of technicians, designers and creatives who bring performances to life. Whether you're into the hands-on technical side or love unleashing your creative flair, there's a path for you! You'll dive into tonnes of exciting performance projects, undertake a range of different job roles and get to grips with all the latest industry-standard equipment and technology.



**"Working on large productions at CAPA College gave me Industry-standard experience"**

It allowed me to explore a wide variety of technical skills and find my path in the professional Industry."

**Liberty Wilcox**  
CAPA College Graduate 2020  
War Horse (UK & Ireland Tour)

## CURRICULUM

### CREATIVE

Costume  
Make-Up &  
Prosthetics:  
Design, Application  
& Realisation

### STAGECRAFT

ASM / DSM  
Stage Management  
Stage Installation & Rigging  
Prop Design & Construction

### TECHNICAL

Rigging  
Lighting  
Sound and AV: Design  
Installation and Operation







**THE ONLY *Free* SPECIALIST CREATIVE  
AND PERFORMING ARTS  
COLLEGE IN YORKSHIRE**



# Student DESTINATIONS

## TOP 1% in the UK for Student Progress

Every year our students progress to amazing careers in the Arts, as well as to the leading UK and International universities and conservatoires. We will help you understand the huge range of employment opportunities and map out the best route for your future career.



## ALUMNI PRODUCTIONS

We have past students in just about every West End show, on cruise ships all over the world and appearing in shows on nearly every streaming platform. Keep an eye on our social media to see news from CAPA College Alumni to inspire your next steps!

## NATIONAL AWARDS

CAPA College is proud to have won lots of awards during our 18 year legacy including accolades from the National Theatre, Sadler's Wells, One Dance UK, BBC and Sky TV. Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in early 2022, we have also won awards for our inspiring teaching, leadership and facilities.





# CAPA COLLEGE ALUMNI SUCCESS

CAPA College students continue to strive for excellence beyond our doors with Alumni gaining places at leading Arts conservatoires such as Urdang and Rambert as well as starring alongside big names in productions such as Wicked and Strictly Come Dancing!



**Emily-Mae (Walker)**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2014**

Emily recently joined the cast of the West End's Hamilton playing Angelica Schuyler. This comes after roles in Frozen and The Bodyguard.



**Bronwyn James**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2012**

Bronwyn is starring as 'ShenShen' alongside Ariana Grande in Wicked (2024) and will join the cast of How To Train Your Dragon in 2025.



**Tasha Ghouri**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2016**

Model and dancer Tasha rose to fame on the eighth season of Love Island and has now taken to the ballroom on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing.



**Bella Brown**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2020**

Bella graduated from ArtsEd in 2023 and is now Fate 1 / 1st cover Eurydice in HadesTown in the West End.



**Danny Natrass**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2016**

Danny held starring roles in Disney's Newsies, Mamma Mia, We Will Rock You and now joins in the international cast of Grease.



**Reece McMahon**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2014**

Reece is currently the Executive Director at Chisenhale Dance Space, having previously been a Producer at New Diorama Theatre and The Place.



**Edward Jackson**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2020**

A graduate of Guildhall School, Edward has worked as a Company Stage Manager for The Tiger Who Came to Tea and Dinosaur World Live (China tour).



**Callum Metcalfe**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2018**

Callum is a Content Editor for ITV News London and previously worked as the Deputy News Editor for Channel 5.



**Kennedy Muntanga**  
**CAPA College Graduate 2016**

Artistic Director of the acclaimed KMDT, Kennedy has worked with International Dance Companies, including Akram Khan and ACE Dance and Music.





### **Amara Okereke**

West End Star (Les Miserables, My Fair Lady) and Winner of 'Best Actress in a Musical' (2018)



### **Dame Arlene Phillips DBE**

World-Famous Choreographer and Theatre Director



### **Dermot Daly**

Award-Winning Filmmaker, Actor, Director (Best Director nominee at Black British Theatre Awards 2024)



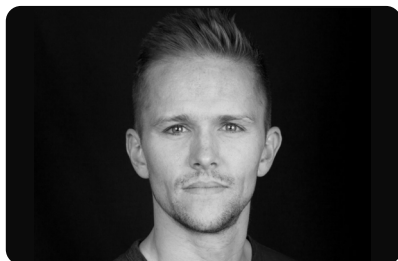
### **Edward Watson MBE**

Former Principal Dancer and current Royal Ballet Répétiteur



### **Kerry Ellis**

West End and Broadway Singer and Actress



### **Morgan Large**

Olivier Award-Winning Designer (Newsies, Sister Act, Cat On A Hot Tin Roof)



### **Hannah Starkey**

Award-Winning Photographer, Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society

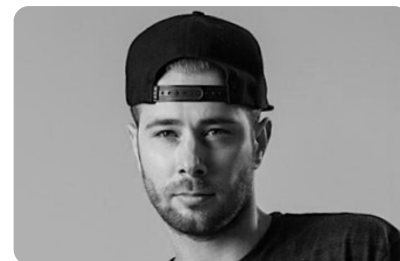


### **Shanay Holmes**

West End Theatre Star and Producer

# **CAPA COLLEGE PATRON SUPPORT**


Our patrons, some of the most renowned names in Creative and Performing Arts, are trailblazers who inspire innovation and excellence and lead the way for CAPA College and our graduates.



### **Tom Shilcock**

Professional Dancer and Co-Founder of 'Can You Dance?'





# A FLAGSHIP OF ARTS EDUCATION

*Excellence*





# Wakefield OUR CITY

Wakefield is a pioneering city for the Arts in the heart of West Yorkshire. Once home to Bretton Hall (that gave rise to such talents as Mark Gatiss, Steve Pemberton and Kay Mellor), the city houses several internationally-renowned galleries, studios and performance spaces, including The Hepworth Wakefield and Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

**Wakefield has a vibrant Arts community with regular events taking place in and around CAPA College including Light Up Wakefield, the Rhubarb Festival and the bi-monthly Artwalk.**

## A PLACE TO THRIVE

### PRODUCTION PARK

An international centre for live technology and events right here in Wakefield, Production Park houses arena-size rehearsal space for global tours, cutting-edge tech and a state-of-the-art HE institution.

### THEATRE ROYAL WAKEFIELD

Wakefield's traditional three-tier theatre welcomes visiting companies and supports new writing, including Red Ladder Theatre Company's Sanctuary which features of chorus of CAPA College students.

### TILEYARD NORTH

A state-of-the-art creative hub for singer songwriters, musicians and recording artists, Tileyard North have been supporting students on our Musical Theatre programme since 2022.







STATE OF  
THE ART  
FACILITIES



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



*Best*  
**IN THE  
REGION**



# QUALIFICATION

## Packages

Maximise your potential with a tailor-made qualification package that plays to your strengths and leaves you with ample UCAS Tariff Points to take those vital next steps in your professional career.

All students at CAPA College will study for the **UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma qualification (worth 3 A levels)** specialising in their chosen artform.

All students will then study for one of the following additional qualifications

UAL Level 3 EPQ

A Level Dance

A Level Drama and Theatre Studies

GCSE Maths\*

GCSE English Language\*

## IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

Everyone learns differently. You will work with your tutors to create a distinct qualification package that ensures you receive the best possible results at the end of your studies.

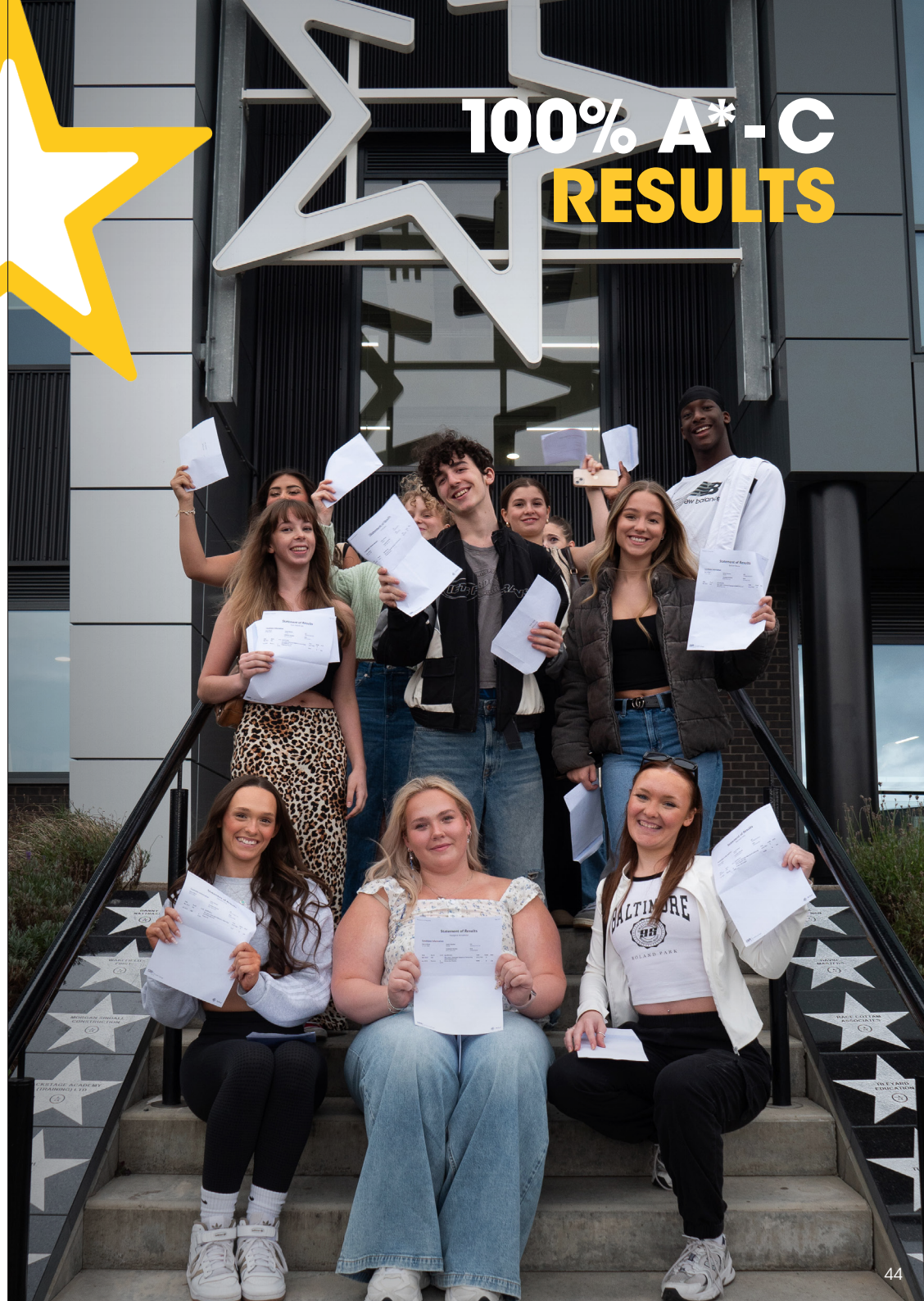
## BEST IN THE COUNTRY

In 2024 CAPA College Graduates achieved an incredible 100% A\*-C results with a whopping 97% of UAL students receiving a Distinction.

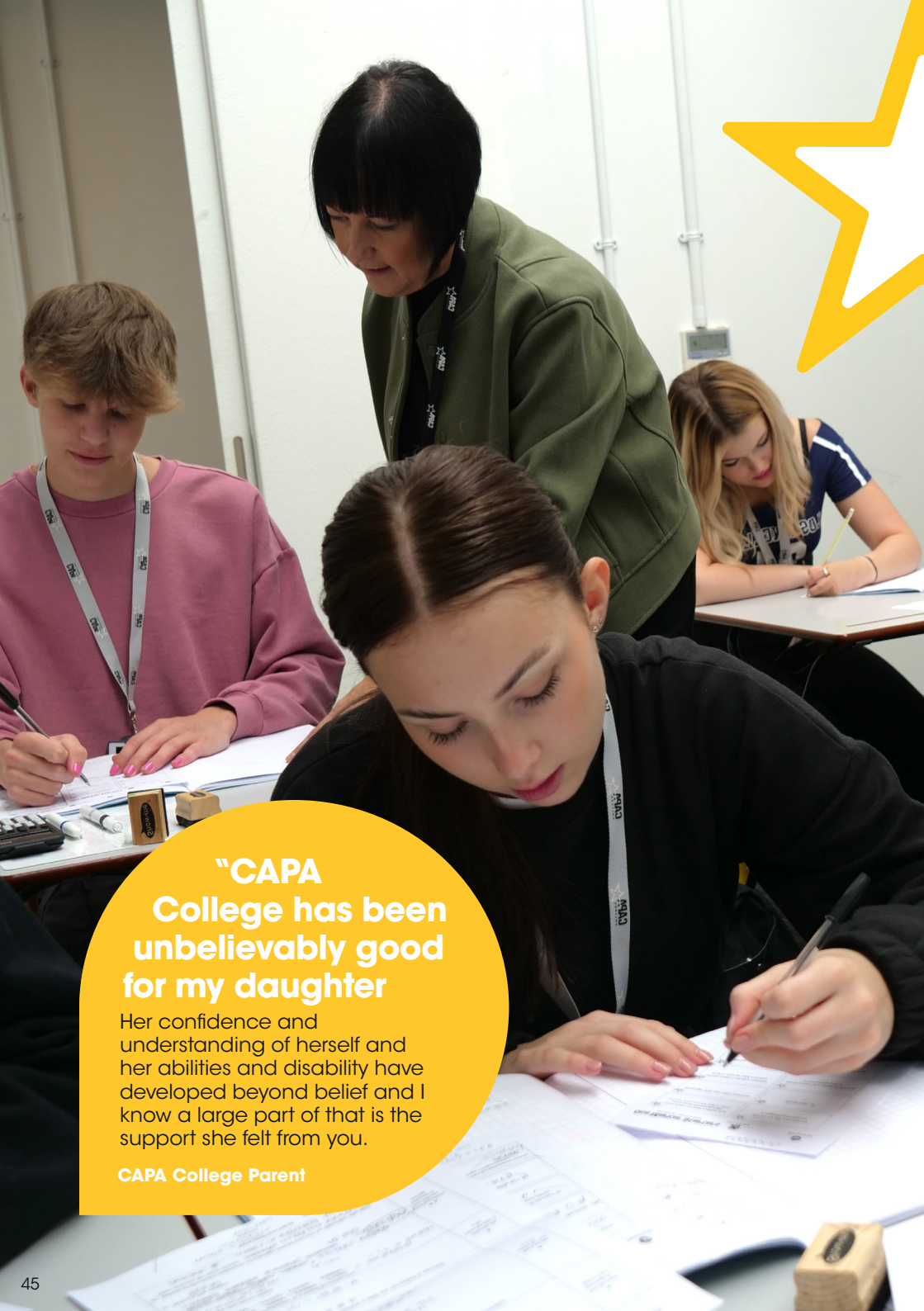
## EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

Our unique qualification structure enables students to document their work in whatever way suits them best – be that voice notes, video diaries or written notebooks.

100% A\*-C  
RESULTS







# Student SUPPORT

Student Support is paramount at CAPA College – you will receive extensive pastoral, academic, financial, SEND and wellbeing support throughout your journey.

## STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

Our incredible team includes members from our senior leadership team, a qualified nurse, a 1-2-1 student welfare officer, SENDCO, learning mentor and a team of student mental health ambassadors.

## OUR PRIORITY IS WELLBEING

Our approach to wellbeing is not 'one-size-fits-all'. We know that every person is different and pride ourselves on knowing our students really well, so that we can offer personalised support.

## CONNECT & REFLECT

Connect & Reflect is our tutorial programme. As well as your subject curriculum, all students explore key global topics with their form tutor to positively engage with the world around us.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We offer incremental financial support for lower income families to cover the costs of equipment, trips, meals and merchandise, as well as additional support for students travelling long distances to access our provision.

## DEVELOPING INDEPENDENT LEARNERS

We understand that not every student learns the same and staff are well trained to support the needs of all learners. We encourage the use of technology to support academic qualifications.

## SEND SUPPORT

Students with educational needs are supported to manage the demands of their course, in class and around the building. Students can access a range of 1-2-1 and small group interventions, overseen by the SEND team, to ensure that no student is left behind.

**"CAPA College has been unbelievably good for my daughter**

Her confidence and understanding of herself and her abilities and disability have developed beyond belief and I know a large part of that is the support she felt from you.

**CAPA College Parent**



## There should be no barriers to the Arts, and no barriers to Arts Education.

At CAPA College we strive to ensure that our provision is accessible to all.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Our brand-new building was built with accessibility at the forefront. As well as lifts and ramps for ease of access, we also have a hearing loop for use in performance spaces and will accommodate our audiences through touch tours to explore performance spaces and BSL interpreted performances. We are proud to have worked with pioneering artists who are striving for greater inclusivity in the Arts including Sandrine Monin and Unbound Dance Theatre.

### INCLUSIVITY

Inclusivity is embedded in the ethos of CAPA College. We have accessible and gender-neutral toilets on all levels, every student is encouraged to choose their own pronouns and adapt their learning accordingly and, wherever possible, all casting is done blind (without considering race, ethnicity, body shape, sex or gender).

### SUPPORT TEAM

In addition to our Student Support Team, we have an elected team of Student Leaders who advocate for their peers, coordinate student-led "takeovers" and tutorials and ensure the College best represents the needs of its students.

This culture of inclusivity at CAPA College is represented in the language, curriculum, policies, teaching, training and decision making at CAPA College.

"It was a pleasure to speak with CAPA College students. They were incredibly attentive, but equally willing to engage with conversations and voice opinions.

**I found it really inspiring**

I felt able to talk on subjects that I wouldn't always open up with students – a testament to their maturity."

**Omari Douglas**  
It's A Sin (Channel 4)



# INCLUSION *at* CAPA COLLEGE



### Apply

Complete an Application Form online at [www.capa.college](http://www.capa.college) or email [admissions@capacollege.co.uk](mailto:admissions@capacollege.co.uk) for more information.

## STAGE 1

### Audition

Applicants will be invited to attend an **'Audition Day'** to watch a showcase performance, Q&A with staff and current students, participate in practical workshops and conduct an individual interview.

## STAGE 2

### Outcome

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

## STAGE 3

### Recall

If you are invited to a recall audition, you will return to CAPA College to present pre-prepared audition material and participate in a further interview with our team.

## STAGE 4

### Results

Applicants will receive confirmation of whether or not they have been successful at the recall stage and final offers will be communicated.

## STAGE 5

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS


Entry to CAPA College requires a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Level 4 or above (including GCSE English and GCSE Maths). In exceptional cases, a student with a Level 3 in either GCSE English or GCSE Maths (but not both) may be accepted.

**Arts qualifications/formal experience are not required for admission to CAPA College. Instead, applicants are evaluated based on their passion, aptitude and potential to thrive at the College.**

# HOW TO APPLY





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