FULLY-FUNDED CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRAINING
FOR STUDENTS AGED 16 -19

EXCEPTIONAL AND BEYOND



CAPA COLLEGE

DANCE • DRAMA • FILM & TV • MUSICAL THEATRE • PRODUCTION



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

A NATIONAL FLAGSHIP OF ARTS EDUCTION EXCELLENCE IN THE NORTH

At CAPA College, we help young people who are passionate about the Arts take their next step towards a professional career. Our free, full-time training gives you the skills, experience and qualifications to move forward with confidence.

Built on 20 years of Creative and Performing Arts education, CAPA College brings exceptional training to the North of England.

You'll train in industry-standard facilities with cutting-edge technology, guided by professionals whose careers span the West End, television, film and international stages.

Recognised by Ofsted as Exceptional in all areas, we'll challenge you to achieve at the highest level, support your ambition and give you the space to create, collaborate and grow.

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“TALENT EXISTS EVERYWHERE. OPPORTUNITY SHOULD TOO. AT CAPA COLLEGE, WE BELIEVE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ARTS EDUCATION SHOULD BE WITHIN REACH OF EVERY YOUNG PERSON WITH THE PASSION TO PURSUE THEM”



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 a 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 that CAPA College became the first 16–19 provider in the country to be recognised by Ofsted as ‘Exceptional in All Areas’. Our students achieve exceptional results year after year, with a consistent 100% pass rate, and progress to leading Arts conservatoires and universities across the UK and abroad.

Our alumni have forged spectacular careers. From the West End to Block Buster films, international lighting Designers to leading film and television Producers. The career opportunities are limitless.

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.

Let’s get started!

A NOTE ON OUR CREATIVE *Vision*

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 costumeto lighting design.



Eddie Copp
Creative Director

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.

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.

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.





OFSTED EXCEPTIONAL IN ALL AREAS

The UK's first 16-19 institution to achieve this result





> **"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)**

MUSICAL THEATRE *Pathway*

Get ready to unleash your talent! Our nationally recognised, industry-leading Musical Theatre pathway offers rigorous, conservatoire-style training across dance, acting and singing. From Jazz, Tap and Ballet to Acting Technique, Devising and Singing Repertoire, you'll build the versatile "triple threat" skills the industry demands. With world-class performance opportunities throughout the course, our graduates progress to leading conservatoires and go on to perform in the West End, on national tours and beyond.

CURRICULUM

ACTING

Voice
Devising
Technique
Text Exploration
Ensemble Theatre

DANCING

Tap
Ballet
Commercial
Contemporary
Jazz Repertoire
Jazz Technique

SINGING

Ensemble
Repertoire
Technique
Song & Dance
Acting Through Song
Small group singing,
Acting through song,
Song and dance

Unique to students on our Musical Theatre pathway, there is also the opportunity to join our **exclusive singer-songwriter programme,** offering further training further training in - Music Industry, Songwriting, Music Theory and Music Production.


OUR VALUES
Accessibility
Collaboration
Excellence





"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)

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.

CURRICULUM

- Tap
- Jazz
- Ballet
- Aerial
- Hip Hop
- Commercial
- Contemporary: Release, Cunningham and Graham
- Yoga
- Repertoire
- Improvisation
- Dance Theory
- Choreography
- Creative Practice
- Acting for Dancers
- Body Conditioning
- Singing for Dancers

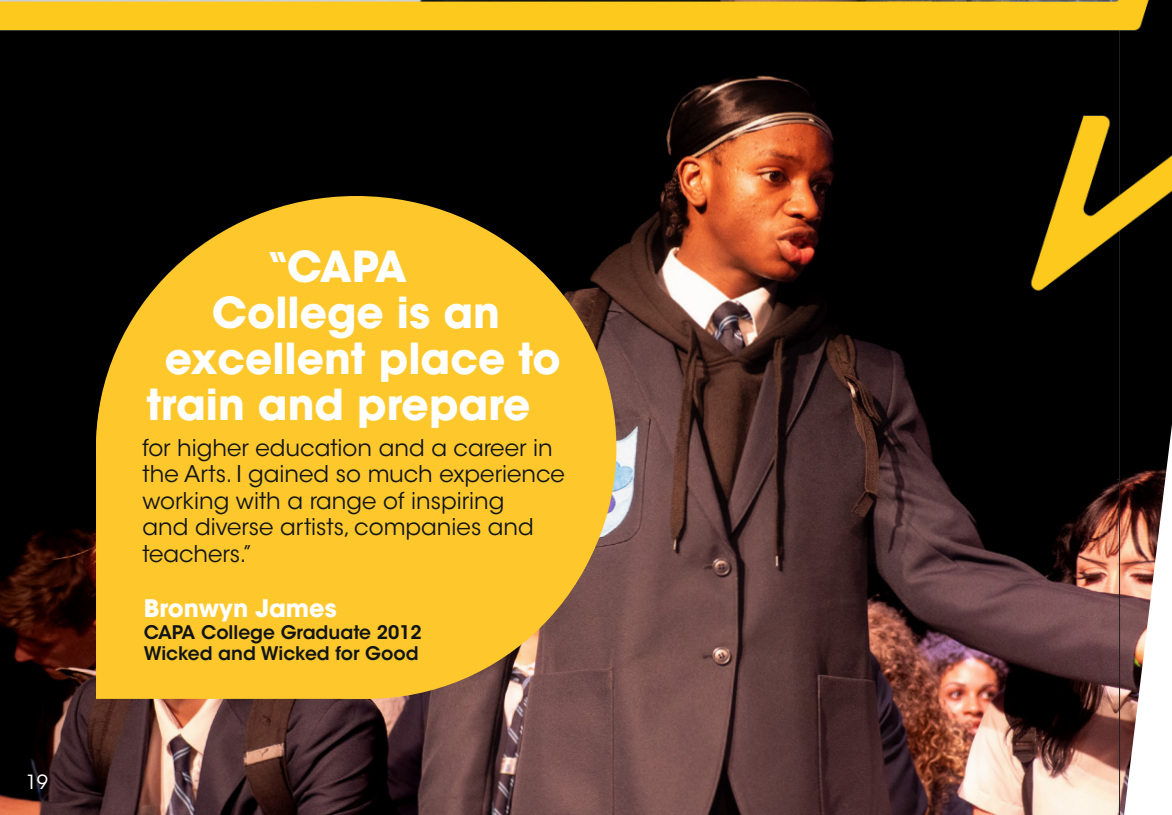
PROFESSIONAL LAUNCHPAD





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 and Wicked for Good

CURRICULUM

DEVISING

- Directing
- Scriptwriting
- Improvisation
- Devised Theatre

PERFORMANCE

- Presenting
- Acting for Camera
- Scripted Performance
- Contemporary Theatre

ANALYSIS

- Drama Theory
- Applied Theatre
- History of Drama
- Live Theatre Analysis

PHYSICALITY

- Stage Combat
- Physical Theatre
- Body Conditioning
- Dance and Movement


PAVING THE
WAY FOR
ARTS IN THE
NORTH





> **"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**
> **Production Assistant**
> **(Wuthering Heights)**

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.

CURRICULUM

PRE-PRODUCTION

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

PRODUCTION

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

POST-PRODUCTION

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

REAL INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES







"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
Deputy Head of Wardrobe
(High School Musical)

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 track 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.

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

FULLY FUNDED, INDUSTRY EMBEDDED TRAINING





Student DESTINATIONS

TOP 1%
in the UK for Student Progress

CAPA College is a springboard to exceptional futures in the Arts. Every year, our students secure places at leading conservatoires and universities across the UK and internationally. Destinations include RADA, LAMDA, Arts Ed, Rambert School and Laine Theatre Arts - institutions that train some of the industry's most accomplished performers and creatives.

Through our Life After CAPA College programme, we'll help you explore the breadth of careers available and identify the route that's right for you. With specialist guidance, industry encounters and support with applications, auditions and interviews, you'll prepare for your next step with confidence.

Royal Conservatoire Antwerp · LAMDA · LAINE THEATRE ARTS · ArtsEd · RADA · RAMBERT SCHOOL · MOUNTVIEW

ALUMNI SUCCESS

From Wakefield to the West End, international stages and the big screen, our alumni are making their mark across the creative industries. You'll find them in major theatre productions, films and television programmes, performing on cruise ships around the world and bringing productions to life behind the scenes.

Their success spans performance, choreography, design, technical production and filmmaking. Some are building careers with established companies; others are creating original work and shaping opportunities of their own. Together, they show the ambition, versatility and professional standards that grow from a strong foundation in Arts training.

We're proud to celebrate their achievements as their careers develop. For you, their stories offer a glimpse of what's possible, the different routes into the industry and the many ways to build a future doing work you love.

Follow CAPA College on social media for the latest alumni achievements and inspiration for your own next steps.



Fred Kettle
CAPA College Graduate 2025

Fred currently plays 'Dylan' in ITV Soap *Emmerdale*. He also appeared in the short film *Poppy Day* and in Season 2 of the BBC drama *Sherwood*.



Kaine Ruddach
CAPA College Graduate 2016

Kaine is a successful Influencer, Content Creator and the official Social Media Host for *Move It*, Europe's largest Dance Convention



Bella Brown
CAPA College Graduate 2020

Bella played 'The Mistress' and alternate 'Eva Perón' in the West End production of *Evita* and will reprise her role on Broadway in spring 2027. Her previous credits include 'Rapunzel' in *Into the Woods* and 'Eurydice' in *Hadestown*.



Tasha Ghouri
CAPA College Graduate 2016

Tasha is a dancer, model and television personality. In 2024, she reached the final of BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. She continues to build her television career.



Brownwyn James
CAPA College Graduate 2012

Bronwyn is best known for her role as 'ShenShen' in the *Wicked* film series alongside Ariana Grande. She also stars in the new *How to Train Your Dragon* Film.



Sam Peace Dawson
CAPA College Graduate 2018

Sam is the current Head of Automation for Matilda the Musical, Uk & Ireland Tour. He previously worked on *The Book of Mormon* and *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory.*

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

At CAPA College, real industry experience is part of your training. From audition preparation, high-profile performances and professional collaborations to theatre visits and community projects, you'll put your skills into practice, meet people working in the Arts and discover what it takes to create work for real audiences.

EXTERNAL PERFORMANCES

Perform at external venues, create original work and experience working alongside professional artists. Our students' experiences have included Sanctuary with Red Ladder Theatre Company, performing at Tate Modern for the National launch of The Arts and Mind Campaign and a televised appearance in the National Lottery's Big Night of Musicals at the AO Arena. These opportunities challenge you to adapt to different settings, work as a team and deliver with confidence when it counts.

MASTERCLASS WEEK

Our annual Year 2 Masterclass Week brings top universities, working artists, professional companies, employers and elite conservatoires into CAPA College. Through practical workshops, talks and Q&As, you'll learn from their expertise, explore different career routes and ask the questions that matter to you. A highlight of your time at CAPA College, this inspiring week gives you valuable insight and guidance to make informed choices about your next steps.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Theatre trips, festival and exhibition visits bring fresh perspectives to your training. Experience professional work first-hand, discover different creative approaches and see how performance, design and production come together. You'll return with ideas to explore and a deeper understanding of the standards you're working towards.

COMMUNITY

Through regular charity events, regional performances and community projects, you'll connect with new audiences and contribute to causes that matter. Working to develop your communication, leadership and sense of responsibility are valuable skills and support your career wherever it may lead.



NATIONALLY RECOGNISED

CAPA College's achievements have earned recognition from the National Theatre, Sadler's Wells, One Dance UK, the BBC and Sky TV. Our teaching, leadership and facilities have also received national recognition, including our teaching faculty being named a runner-up in the Sixth Form Colleges Association's Inspiring Teaching Award in 2026.

LIFE AFTER CAPA COLLEGE

Preparing for your future starts while you're training. Embedded throughout your studies, our Life After CAPA College programme combines industry encounters, practical projects and tailored guidance to help you explore your options and make informed decisions.

You'll develop professional habits through experiences such as supporting public performances, running front of house and helping deliver workshops through CHARGE and local schools. Alongside specialist advice, mock auditions and interview preparation, these experiences help you recognise your strengths, take responsibility and communicate confidently about your work.

"Participating in New Views has been the highlight of CAPA College for me.

It has shown me how much I love writing giving me the encouragement to continue to do so. I'd never done anything like this before and so I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to create something that means so much to me. It's also helped me realise I love writing ALMOST as much as acting."

CAPA College Student
Participant of New Views; National Theatre Playwriting Programme

FRESH YORKSHIRE DANCE
THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DANCE EVENT MOVE IT
National Theatre
MUSICAL CON
U.DANCE Regional
CYD? SUPER CONVENTION
National Theatre connections 500
New Views
One Dance UK

CAPA COLLEGE PATRON SUPPORT

CAPA College is proud to be supported by patrons who dominate and inspire the industry. These exceptional names from the worlds of Creative and Performing Arts are true trailblazers, and their belief in CAPA College and our graduates is an incredible endorsement of what we do. Their experience, influence and achievements inspire our students to dream big, push boundaries and strive for excellence.

"I believe that an **education that embraces the arts is vital**. The arts feed the soul and the realisation that your life can be in the arts is the biggest gift for young people."



Dame Arlene Phillips DBE
Choreographer and Theatre Director



Kerry Ellis
West End and Broadway Singer and Actress

"Just a wonderful place and **I wish somewhere like this had been around when I was younger**. I'm so proud to be a Patron."

"In my time as patron of CAPA I've been thoroughly impressed **by the nurturing and knowledgeable capacity of the staff team.** It has always left me feeling hopeful for the future of the Performing Arts."



Dermot Daly
Award-Winning Filmmaker, Actor and Director



Shanay Holmes
West End Theatre Star and Producer

"I've been really impressed by the **talent, professionalism, and level of preparation** the students of CAPA College have."

"The opportunities they provide for their students are exceptional. CAPA College encourages collaboration and partnerships that **genuinely enrich the students' learning and artistic growth**."



Tom Shilcock
Proffessional Dancer and Co-Founder of 'Can You Dance?'


A FLAGSHIP
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EDUCATION
EXCELLENCE



Wakefield OUR CITY

Located in the heart of West Yorkshire, Wakefield combines a rich creative heritage, including the legacy of Bretton Hall, with excellent road and rail connections across the country.

Home to The Hepworth Wakefield, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Production Park, the district brings together visual Arts, live performance and production, alongside galleries, studios and cultural events.

Leeds, York and Manchester offer further access to professional theatre and the Arts, while direct trains connect Wakefield to London and the West End.

A PLACE TO THRIVE

Our Students travel from across the Region



STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES



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

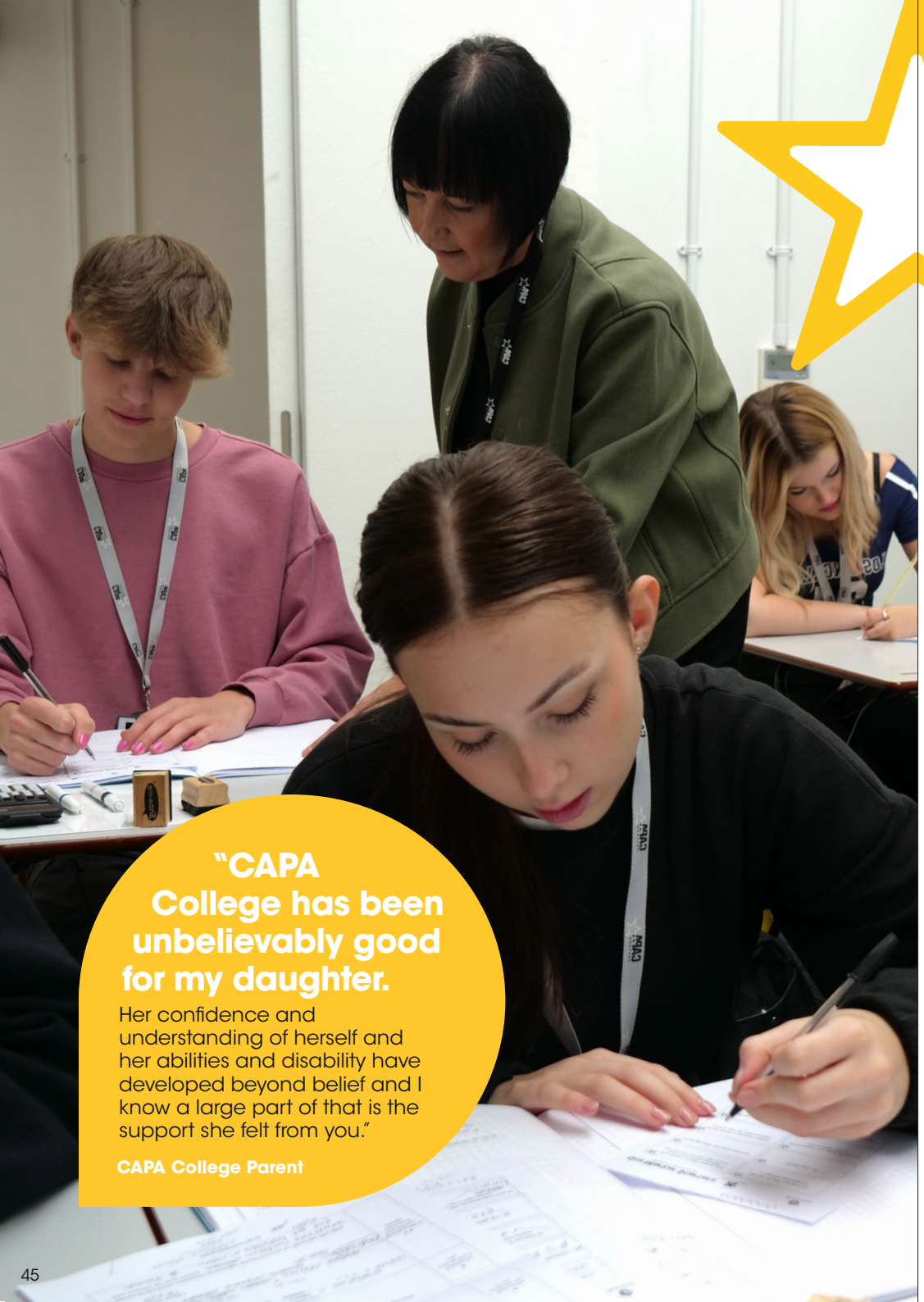
CAPA College students consistently achieve a 100% pass rate year on year, with 89.9% earning a Distinction in UAL qualifications and 68.8% achieving an A* in EPQ - results well above the national average.

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.

*Resit option available. Please refer to Entry Requirements





"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

Student SUPPORT

Supporting students is paramount at CAPA College. You will have access to a wealth of pastoral and learning support to enable you to thrive with us on your journey.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

There are so many incredible sources of support at college including your Form Tutor, a qualified nurse, a one-to-one student welfare officer, the SENDCo, Learning Mentor, Senior Leadership and a team of student mental health ambassadors.

OUR PRIORITY IS RESPECT

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.

DEVELOPING INDEPENDENT LEARNERS

We understand that not every student learns in the same way and staff are well trained to support the needs of all learners and we embrace the use of technology across the curriculum to develop students' independence.

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.

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.

SEND SUPPORT

Students with educational needs are supported to access their course, in class and around the building. The SEND Team also deliver a programme of group and one to one interventions to ensure no student is left behind.

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. Everything that we do is centred around nurturing students as individuals, not striving to fit a specific mould. We often apply blind casting, which strips away any constraints of age, race, body shape, sex or gender so that all students can participate in projects freely. We love seeing our students discover their own unique identities during their CAPA College journey.

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** or email **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



We would like to thank the following organisations and individuals for their support:

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