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Big Creative Independent School Prospectus 2025/26

Alternative Provision for KS4 students



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Welcome to Big Creative Independent School

Big Creative Independent School (BCIS) offers Alternative Provision schooling for year 10/11 learners interested in Creative Music and Media who do not feel their current establishment is a place they will succeed.

This is a full-time programme that runs for 5 days a week and is led by teachers who are also current industry professionals. At BCIS, we use only the highest spec equipment, including the latest Apple Mac computers and industry professional software, leading to high-quality results and outcomes.

Our Mission

- To transform the lives of young people through inspirational teaching, providing exceptional access to career opportunities in the creative industries.
- To get disaffected young people back on track in their lives through high quality vocational courses.

Our Vision

- To be recognised as an outstanding provider and to ensure our graduates are empowered to lead purposeful lives with integrity.

Our Values

- To place the well-being and development of our young people and the local community at the heart of the organisation.



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Our Curriculum

BCIS aims to provide a holistic, experiential, immersive learning opportunity that encompasses all aspects of a young person's education. The curriculum at BCIS builds on the already successful provision at Big Creative Training.

We focus on creative industry, with heavy emphasis on:

- Personal, social and careers development
- Achievement of the core of mathematics and English
- Solid progression routes

Through the creative subject, learners will develop personal, social and functional skills. Personal and Social development is the beating heart of the learner experience, & their experience will not be solely based around the achievement of qualifications, but a sound ethical framework permeating all aspects of the school.

The school will be a context in which young people learn from their experiences and become more effective in their decision making and relationships.

Themed Areas

Our broad but specialised curriculum offer is kept under review in order to respond to the needs of our young people and to meet our aims. The Vocational aspects of our course develops students' skills, knowledge and technique's as well as broaden their understanding of the creative industries.

Our themed areas are as follows:

- Maths & English (GCSE / Functional Skills)
- English Literature (GCSE)
- Combined Science
- Physical Education
- Creative Digital Media Level 2
- Creative Music Industry Level 2
- Personal & Social Development Level 1



BCIS Subjects

Maths & English (Functional Skills / GCSE)

Maths & English will be a fundamental part of your study and are both essential if you wish to gain sustainable employment in the future. Our Maths and English courses are flexible and are designed to meet the needs of our learners.

English Literature (GCSE)

Get involved in our English Literature course and dive into timeless classics like Romeo and Juliet and more. Explore stories, sharpen your thinking, and experience the beauty of language.

Combined Science

Explore the wonders of science in this non-accredited subject designed for young minds. Delve into physics, chemistry, and biology, covering topics from space exploration to hands-on experiments. Discover the science of music and enhance your understanding of the world around you. The subject includes an exciting trip to the science museum, offering a unique and immersive experience.



Personal & Social Development Level 1

Prepare yourself for your next steps and the big world you are soon to become a part of. Learn employment and Social skills as well as gaining a deeper understanding about the society we live in, and a deeper understanding of yourself to identify the role you will play in life.



BCIS Subjects

Creative Digital Media Level 2

You will learn to use industry standard programmes as well as equipment to produce your own productions. You will gain skills in video production, graphic design and photography. Media learners will also have access to high profile trips and guest speakers.



Creative Music Industry Level 2

You will develop your creative side with a focus on writing, making beats and arranging songs for recording and performing. Learn about music industry business such as job roles, contracts and generating revenue. DJ'ing and sound engineering skills are also on offer.



Sports / Physical Education

Engage in the world of sports and physical education in this non-accredited subject tailored for young enthusiasts. Experience the benefits of cardio therapy while exploring activities like football, basketball, and badminton. Enhance your fitness, teamwork, and overall well-being through dynamic and enjoyable physical activities.

Facilities



Common Room

When not in lessons, our learners can be found in the common room relaxing over table based games, listening to music or on the comfortable seating area. With its walls designed by Artist Azarra Amoy, it has proven to be a place for young people to showcase creative flair.



Media Suite

Our editing suites are always kept up to date with the latest industry software. Learners have access to prolific programs such as Adobe Photoshop, as well as InDesign and Light room, meaning you can always create professional - level development.

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Recording Studios

Our state-of-the-art recording studios run the latest versions of Logic & Ableton, and is available to all music learners. Work on tracks set by the tutor, or develop personalised tracks.

Music Practice Room

With a professional PA system in each room, heavily soundproofed walls and pearl drum kits, our practise rooms allows Music learners to fully explore the potential of their ideas.



Indoor Gym

Get involved in our Indoor Gym as part of our physical education course, for all-weather workouts using top equipment and expert guidance. Plus, enjoy our outdoor field for football and basketball. Get fit, have fun, and stay strong.

BCIS Trips & Guest Speakers



From time to time BCIS will indulge in trips as well as invite in guest speakers from the creative industries, in order to widen the learner experience and for educational purposes.

BCIS additionally organises enjoyable excursions to commemorate accomplishments.

Recently learners have visited establishments such as BBC 1Xtra studios, Dolby Atmos mixing studio's, the Science Museum, as well as engaging in exciting trips to Thorpe Park, a VR Gaming centre, Go-Karting and have even climbed the o2.



Extra Curricular Activities

BCIS runs extra curricular activities after school hours for any young person wanting to continue their education, gain extra knowledge, finish work or simply further sharpen their skills.



The following after school activities are on offer:

- Catch up Club
- Football sessions
- Film Production Club
- Music Industry Club
- Gaming Club



Student Services

BCIS offers a comprehensive range of student services, including counselling and careers guidance.

Additionally, BCIS has access to a designated safeguarding team, as well as mentoring and special educational needs support.



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Joining BCIS

Mainstream Schools within the local borough of Waltham Forest can refer a young person to Big Creative Independent School via the LBWF Access, Participation & Inclusion Team, or via the SEND department.

Referrals can be made for a range of reasons, but ultimately, because the young person is not currently thriving in their mainstream school.

Our aim is to admit new pupils within 10 working days. In the unlikely case that we are over subscribed, the pupil's case may be discussed at the Fair Access Panel and the pupil could be placed on a waiting list.

For 'out of borough referrals', the referring local authority or school should make direct contact with Big Creative Independent School via email. Please contact justin.bayley@bigcreative.education to receive an application form.

How are young people referred?

- Concerns are raised by school/guardian(s) indicating an issue which may require a young person to be referred.
- A referral is made to the local authority.
- Referrals will be discussed and if BCIS is seen as a suitable intervention, the admission process begins.



How To Find Us

By Tube (Victoria Line)

- Blackhorse Road, followed by a short walk to BCT (Big Creative Training) campus.
- Walthamstow Central, followed by bus route 158 to BCT Campus



By Bus Blackhorse Road station

- Route 123 from Wood Green and Ilford
- Route 230 from Wood Green and Upper Walthamstow
- Route W15 from Hackney, Leyton and Leytonstone

By Overground

- Blackhorse Road, followed by a short walk to BCT Campus
- St. James Street, followed by bus route 158 to BCT campus

Direct route

Route 158 from Chingford to Stratford. Stops directly outside BCT Uplands House Campus



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“Big Creative Independent School empowers young people to grow by creating a supportive, inclusive space where they reshape their narrative and develop into resilient, respectful, and motivated individuals”



School Information

For further information about BCIS,
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