SEN offer

Opportunities for all learners



BIG CREATIVE
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Who we are

BCE (Big Creative Education) is a creative arts college in Walthamstow, East London. We offer a wide range of vocational courses in areas such as Music, Media, Performing Arts, Fashion, Games Design, Animation, Events Management, Art and Design, and Sports. In addition to this, BCE provides T-Level courses, Apprenticeships, and Traineeships.

Students graduate with vocational qualification, maths and English qualifications if not previously achieved, a professional portfolio and other essential materials, equipped with the skills necessary for further education, an apprenticeship, or direct employment.

The college's tutors are dual practitioners, meaning they are not only educators but also active professionals in their respective industries, providing students with real-world insights and up-to-date knowledge. BCE offers learners access to work experience opportunities both locally and abroad, industry-set briefs, enrichment trips, and more, giving them hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of their chosen field.

BCE has three campuses in the Blackhorse Road area, which offer an array of courses and levels from Entry Level 3 to Level 3. Big Creative Training is situated at Uplands House and our Digital Future Campus, while Big Creative Academy can be found on Clifton Avenue.



BCE MISSION //

Develop talent.

Gain in-depth subject knowledge through academic coursework

Transform lives.

Live your best life and be happy with weekly wellbeing classes

Create careers.

Explore the creative arts and start your career with expert support



Message from Principal

I'm proud to lead our team of experienced educators here at BCE. Our courses provide a strong foundation for your creative practice and we'll look after you with a weekly wellbeing class. I've been in education for more than 30 years and you achieve when you love your authentic self. We'll help you do that.

As a former record label manager and event promoter I know what it takes to be successful in the creative arts. We want you to be successful in your chosen career, and challenge industry stereotypes. You'll be introduced to an employer network and our careers team will support you into the best jobs, universities and apprenticeships.



Sacha Corcoran, MBE
Principal at Big Creative Academy



Alexis Michaelides
Founder BCE / Managing Director, Big Creative Training

Our SEND offer

BCE specialises in supporting all learners, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), to achieve qualifications and advance in their careers, all within an inclusive learning environment.

Once at BCE we will also ensure that reasonable adjustments are in place to enable students to have fair access to assessments and exams, to achieve their full potential and qualifications.

Learners will receive additional support as needed, for example access to extra numeracy and literacy sessions, counselling, wellbeing classes, or speech and language therapy.

Learners with SEND join our mainstream courses and are free go offsite at lunch and break times.

We look forward to you joining BCE in the next academic year.





Application process

Here is a step-by-step guide to the application process if you have SEND:

1

Come along to an open evening!
The SEND Team is always at hand at open evenings to discuss any requirements.

At the open evening you will have the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet our tutors, and have an interview with a tutor for September. You will then be guided to a specialist SEND Officer for an initial assessment.

2

Provide full details
When you apply to BCE please ensure you provide us with full details of any special educational needs and disabilities or medical needs you may have, so that we can put the best possible support in place during your time studying of us.

We will also ask you to tell us about any support you have had in the past and share any important paperwork e.g. your EHCP, pupil plan, access arrangements or formal diagnoses.

Please tell us if you are currently involved with any additional services, for example the social care team. We will need to know if you have a travel buddy or any other service that accompanies you to and from education.

Please give us all the information you can that will help us understand your needs.

3

Initial assessment
We will arrange an initial assessment with our SEND team (which may include a literacy and numeracy assessment). This is to ensure we find the right course that meets your needs.

We will request information from your parent or carer, school or previous education establishments, support providers and other relevant professionals to make sure that the appropriate support can be put in place.

If an EHCP has been issued, BCE will require a formal consultation to be made by your local authority SEND Department, this will ensure that your needs can be met at BCE. This consultation is required to complete your application.

Open evenings

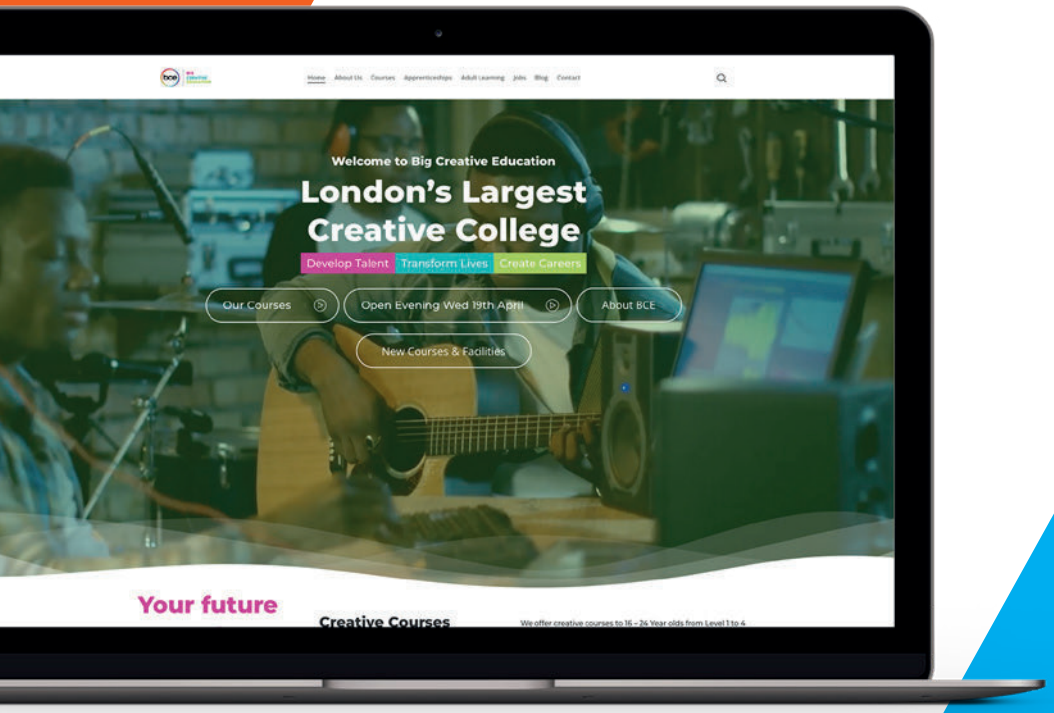
For more information and to sign up to one of our open evenings please visit our website:

www.bigcreative.education

To speak to a member of staff about the individual needs of a young person please email:

admissions@bigcreative.education

Local authority formal EHCP consultations must be submitted via **www.bctforms.com/ehcp**



What our students say



I studied Music Performance Level 3 at BCE for two years and completed an Extended Diploma. I first heard about BCE through my local youth club. I attended an open Evening and had an face to face interview, as I was applying for Music I had a two-minute audition and then met someone from the SEN team afterwards. During my time as a student, I felt supported whilst studying at BCE, I was provided with a scribe, laptop and a one-to-one support tutor who helped me learn a lot. I had to retake GCSE Maths, I passed my vocational course and left with an Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance. I would recommend BCE as a college; the teachers are very helpful, and I have now been taken on as an intern until I find employment.

Ramon, Student Alumni



I studied Level 2 and Level 3 Art and Design; I completed three years at BCE and left with a distinction, I had to retake GCSE Maths and English as I didn't pass at school. I passed both Maths and English GCSE at BCE and achieved a grade 5 in English. My school told me about BCE and my friend had also applied. BCE is a creative space and the work is tailored to what I want to do. My teachers and learning coach were so supportive and made friends at BCE that I am still in contact with now. BCE is an excellent college with brilliant opportunities, I was able to showcase my artwork to Build Hollywood and my work was put on billboards around London. I was given an exhibition assistant role in the E17 Art trail. I am now an intern at BCE until I become employed.

Haider, Student Alumni

I studied Level 2 and Level 3 Performing Arts, I completed 3 years at BCE and obtained a distinction grade in Extended Diploma Level 3. My secondary school informed me about BCE. There is a lot of space in the BCA building, the theatre is large and a great place to rehearse and perform. I worked on group performances with the rest of my class and this was supported with teamwork and communication. Made some great friends at BCE and try to catch up with them when I have free time. The learning coaches were very supportive in English and Maths lessons especially. I am now an intern at BCE until I become employed.

Samuel, Student Alumni





I joined BCE with a passion for music and enrolled for Music Performance Level 1. The SEND was very supportive and helpful, and I received 1:1 support as stated in my EHCP. The SEND team allowed me to go on trips, fieldwork and concerts despite my learning difficulties and limitations. The Teachers were professional and extremely caring and taught me with extreme patience. I spent four years at BCE and had a great time, I did not want to leave and was really hoping to come back and do another course. This did not happen, but I managed to leave with an Advanced Music Performance Level 3 which I passed with merit.

Unfortunately, due to my condition, I was not able to a job within my chosen field. I now attend an Art Project Day Centre. BCE was the best part of my life and will always be, I still remember all my colleagues. A big thank you to the SEND, Teachers and Helpers who helped me achieve such a big goal in my life.

Azkia, Student Alumni

Hello, I am Hillary, I support learners with Educational Heath Care Plans, I work one to one with learners and sometimes in groups. We cater to the learners individual needs to support their personal coping mechanisms.

Hilary, Learning Coach BCA

Entry requirements

Entry Level
You must have the aptitude and ability to complete qualification specification (main qualification) and assignments within the creative tasters. You must be working towards Entry Level 3 in English.

Level 1
2 or more GCSEs at grade 1 plus English at Entry Level 3 or above (or equivalent).

Level 2
3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English (or equivalent).

Level 3
5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 including English (or equivalent).



Exploring the Creative



NOCN Diploma: Skills for employment, training and personal development

Entry 3 or Level 1: one year course

Course content

- Get to use state of the art equipment
- Work with fantastic specialist staff
- Work in a diverse and inclusive environment
- Attend a wide range of enrichment activities including trips and guest speakers
- A qualification in social and personal development (preparation for adulthood)
- Creative industry vocational tasters
- Work related experiences
- Progression routes onto Level 1/Level 2 BCT courses where appropriate

Timetable

3 day timetable, including:

- Creative classes
- Wellbeing classes
- Careers classes
- Maths and English resits as required

Entry criteria

An aptitude and ability to complete assignments for creative tasters
Maths and English qualification at E2

Students must be under 19 on 1 Sept 2025, or under 25 with an EHCP

Earn £££

- Creativity is the number one skill all employers are looking for
- You can take what you learn into the workplace, or onto a course at Level 1 or Level 2 and start to specialise in your chosen field

Key benefits

- No costs
- All equipment provided

Location

Big Creative Training
Uplands House
www.bigcreative.education

Collabs / Work experience

- Tottenham Green Market
- WF Community Hub

nocn GROUP

Scan the QR code to apply

Wellbeing

Students say wellbeing / social development programme is their favourite part of the week, as a way of de-stressing and having time to reflect about a subject in detail.

We work with young people to develop resilience, gratitude, safety and responsibility to support their personal and social development. Bespoke sessions are delivered to students, suitable to their age and course level, and include all aspects of health, emotions and current affairs. Lessons are often outside and sometimes include a bit of yoga or meditation.



Right student, right course

What level is right for you? We're all different, and have different journeys through education. We will talk to you to find out your background and weigh up your academic ability and your talent when discussing your options. Sometimes students have to re-sit GCSE maths and English.

We've had students work their way through all levels at BCE, from Level 1 all the way through to Level 3, who are now working in the creative arts. If you're passionate about the arts we'll find what's right for you! Talk to our admissions team or scan the QR code for more information.

Careers & international work experience

The careers teams at BCE will help you grow and shine, to help you take the next steps that are right for you. We have loads of industry guests and you'll visit workplaces and universities. You will understand the creative arts as a sector and we'll teach you how to set up your own business. We've got the cheat codes to make sure you succeed!

"I never knew I had all these useful skills that employers were looking for."

BCE student



Do you know your levels?

						7 Post-graduate degree
4	HNC	Level 4 Apprentice-ship	5	HND	6 Under-graduate degree	Degree apprentice-ship
3	Level 3 Diplomas & Extended Diplomas	A Levels	T-Levels	Music Grades 6, 7 and 8	Level 3 Apprentice-ship	Access to HE Diploma	Level 3 Foundation
2	GCSE Grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 or 4	Level 2 Functional Skills	Level 2 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 4 and 5	Level 2 Traineeship	Level 2 Apprentice-ship
1	GCSE Grades 3, 2, 1	Level 1 Functional Skills	Level 1 Awards, Diplomas & Certificates	Music Grades 1, 2 and 3		
ENTRY LEVEL	Entry Level Award	Entry Level Certificate	Entry Level Diploma	Entry Level Functional Skills		



Where to find us







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Digital Future Campus
Clifton Avenue
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London E17 6HL

Big Creative Academy
Clifton Avenue
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The nearest overground station is Blackhorse Road

The nearest tube is Blackhorse Road station

Buses 123 and 230 stop at Blackhorse Road (5 min walk to Uplands House and a 2 min walk to academy site)

158 bus route stops directly outside BCT campus (stop name 'Shakespeare Road')





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