



WINCHESTER SCHOOL OF ART



OPEN DAY PROGRAMME
WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER



WELCOME

Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of our creative campus and be inspired by our students' work and influences at Winchester School of Art (WSA).

Explore your favourite subject, discover the amazing opportunities you'll have here and visit the spaces and facilities that you'll study in. Our facilities are filled with a diverse range of equipment to support you during your studies, including:

- High-spec computer suites with Mac and PC computers.
- Digital resources including consoles, VR and AR, multiple photography studios and an editing suite.
- Specialist printing equipment including laser cutting, 3D printer and scanner and a Mimaki fabric printer.
- On-campus specialist art and design Gallery and Library.
- Fashion studios equipped with a full range of sewing machines including multi-thread overlockers, presses and cutting tables.
- A range of knitting machines including single, double bed and computerised Shima Seiki knitting machines.
- Bright weaving workshops including AVL dobby looms and a TC2 digital loom.
- Industry standard software across all disciplines including CLO 3D, Unity, Blender and the full Adobe suite.
- Sculpture workshops, including a bronze foundry with ceramic kilns, meta and plastic fabrication shop, letterpress printing machines and etching presses.
- Large screen-printing facilities and dye-labs.
- Winchester West Wing, delivering leading-edge fashion leadership education in a contemporary and modern environment.
- Capital House will be the brand-new home of our Creative Computing and Games Design & Art programmes. This new building will offer our students access to industry standard facilities, including an Electronics workshop and a Social Games Space.



DISTANCE FROM WSA
TO SOUTHAMPTON



20 mins



50 mins

DISTANCE FROM WSA
TO LONDON



60 mins



1hr 40 mins

THE CITY OF WINCHESTER

Winchester is a vibrant city with diverse cultural life. Whether you want to spend your free time learning about the city's history or socialising with friends, Winchester has it covered.

RANKED
8TH FOR
ART AND
DESIGN
RESEARCH
QUALITY

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DISCOVER FUN AND INDEPENDENT PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK SUCH AS:

- Forte Kitchen
- Three Joe's Pizza
- Queen Inn (pub and microbrewery)
- Open House Deli
- Gurkha's Inn

EXPLORE THINGS TO DO INCLUDING:

- Unique and lively shopping such as The Hambledon and Anthropologie.
- Independent cinema and theatres.
- New leisure centre with fantastic facilities.

DELVE INTO THE HISTORY OF WINCHESTER AND ENJOY NATURE'S BEAUTY, VISIT:

- St Catherine's Hill - a 30-minute walk from WSA with picturesque views over the city (perfect for a picnic)
- Winnall Moors nature reserve close to campus
- Winchester Cathedral
- Wolvesey Castle

SUBJECT DROP-INS: Take the opportunity to explore a range of subject drop-ins and talks you might not have thought about; you might discover something unexpected! (See pages 4 and 5 for more details)
CREATIVE COMPUTING: Learn about Augmented Reality, Kinect, Robotics, Microscopy and Biosensing.
FASHION DESIGN: Join a micro personal statement workshop, get some support with your fashion portfolio or find out more about jobs in fashion.
FASHION MARKETING WITH MANAGEMENT: Join our hands on activity "Who Made My Clothes?". We become fashion detectives as we examine the garments on our backs. Who makes these? From what materials? Where in the world? And what's it like to work in these places? How much do people get paid for this work? Using the 'Fashion Revolution' Top Trumps Cards we explore how ethical our garments are in the 'brand finder'.
FINE ART: Join the programme leader for an art chat.
GAMES DESIGN & ART: Meet the team, play some games created by our students, and learn more about the course.
GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION: Explore the playful and open-ended approach to a Graphic Communication workshop through creating a custom Risograph print; starting with geometric source material to layer, cut, mask and fold. Taking place at 13:30 in East Side Building, Level 3, Room 3037, lasting 75 minutes.
LUXURY BRAND MANAGEMENT: Learn about our new course and find out where it could take your career.
SUSTAINABLE LUXURY (TEXTILES): Hands on activities and demonstrations throughout the day.

DISTANCE FROM WSA TO THE CITY CENTRE

 5 mins  2 mins  4 mins

DISTANCE FROM WSA TO ERASMUS PARK ACCOMMODATION

 15 mins  5 mins  10 mins

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WELCOME TALKS	TIME	DURATION	LOCATION
Welcome talk	12:00	30 mins	West Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre A
	14:00	30 mins	East Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre B
Student Life with the Students' Union talk	12:30 14:30	20 mins	East Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre B
SUBJECT TALKS	TIME	DURATION	LOCATION
Creative Computing	14:00	50 mins	West Side Building, Level 1, Room 1163
Fashion Design	14:00	50 mins	West Side Lecture Theatre Building, West Side Lecture Theatre
Fashion Marketing with Management	13:00	50 mins	West Side Lecture Theatre Building, West Side Lecture Theatre
Fine Art	14:00	50 mins	West Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre A
Games Design and Art	13:00	50 mins	East Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre B
Graphic Communication	15:00	50 mins	West Side Lecture Theatre Building, West Side Lecture Theatre
Luxury Brand Management	15:00	50 mins	East Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre B
Sustainable Luxury (Textiles)	13:00	50 mins	East Side Building, Level 2, Textiles Studio
SUBJECT DROP INS	OPEN TIMES		LOCATION
Creative Computing	12:00 - 16:00		West Side Building, Level 1, Room 1163
Fashion Design	12:00 - 16:00		West Side Building, Level 2, Fashion Studio 4
Fashion Marketing with Management	12:00 - 16:00		East Side Building, Level 2, Fashion Marketing Studio 1
Fine Art	12:00 - 16:00		West Side Building, Level 2, Library
Games Design and Art	12:00 - 16:00		South Building, Level 1, Games Studio
Graphic Communication	12:00 - 16:00		East Side Building, Level 3, Room 3013
Luxury Brand Management	12:00 - 16:00		East Side Building, Level 2, Fashion Marketing Studio 1
Sustainable Luxury (Textiles)	12:00 - 16:00		East Side Building, Level 2, Textiles Studio



FOLLOW PURPLE SIGNAGE FOR OPEN DAYS

OTHER ACTIVITIES	TIME	DURATION	LOCATION
Portfolio and application advice session	12:30	20 mins	West Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre A
The Quiet Room	12:00 - 16:00		Please ask at the check-in desk
TOURS	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Accommodation tour (self-guided)	12:00 - 16:00	Erasmus Park. Directions on Page 9 or ask our event staff.	Self guide around our Winchester School of Art dedicated halls of residence, Erasmus Park. You'll have the opportunity to view the common room, laundry room and an ensuite flat. If you have any questions, please speak to our accommodation representatives at Erasmus Park or visit the Student Life Fair between 12:00 - 16:00. Information on how to get to Erasmus Park is included on page 8 and 9.
Campus Tours	12:00 - 16:00	East Side Building, Level 1, Café	Explore the fantastic facilities on offer here are Winchester School of Art with our university guides. You'll have the opportunity to see key facilities for our undergraduate degree programmes. Tours are on foot and take approximately 40 minutes. Last tour departs at 15:30.
DROP INS	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Student Life Fair	12:00 - 16:00	West Side Building, Level 1, foyer	Head down to the Student Life Fair to find out more from our services how they support you during your studies. Find out more on page 7.
Students' Union drop in	12:00 - 16:00	East Side Building, Level 1, Café	Drop in to speak to Students' Union representatives about opportunities outside your degree. Chat to us about events, clubs and societies, and how we represent you during your studies.
Information Point	12:00 - 16:00	East Side Building, Level 1, Café	Ask questions and chat with our current student ambassadors and some of our academic staff. We'll be here to assist and direct you throughout the event.
WSA Library	09:00 - 16:00	West Side Building, Level 2	Take a look around our on-campus library. Browse books, journals, magazines and special collections, such as Artists Books and Visionaires. Or chat with our library staff, on hand to help with any library questions.

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS



HAYDN
BA GRAPHIC ARTS (MOTION DESIGN)
2024

"My course offered a study exchange program, which most other universities didn't offer. I also read about the industry standard equipment that WSA had to offer which was a major pull factor.

I enjoyed the opportunity to experiment and determine a specialism that you wanted to pursue. I enjoyed the studio culture I built with other motion design students.

I studied abroad, which was a once in a lifetime experience that has helped shape me as a designer and opened my perspective."



YUXUAN
BA FASHION MARKETING
WITH MANAGEMENT, 2025

"What I enjoyed most about my course is the balance between theoretical learning and practical application. I love how the lectures introduced complex ideas in a way that's engaging and thought-provoking. We explored those concepts more deeply through seminars, tutorials, or hands-on work."

MEGAN
BA FINE ART
2024

"In Fine Art we are offered so many opportunities to go on trips, at least once a semester we take a trip to London for a gallery day.

And depending on which pathway you choose there are always trips and projects curated to your chosen path."



KAERA
BA GRAPHIC ARTS (MOTION DESIGN)
2025

"I had the privilege of securing a motion design summer internship here in Winchester through the university and they helped me with the whole application process. I found this opportunity through a talk in second year from the Careers Enterprise.

In my third year, I was able to secure an internship with Studio 3015 (WSA in-house studio) and got to work with my peers to collaborate on a project for Kew Gardens."



STUDENT LIFE FAIR

The Student Life Fair is the place to chat to support teams and find out all about university life, including:

- Accommodation
- Academic Skills Service
- Admissions
- Art & Culture
- Careers*
- Disability and Inclusion
- Library
- Study Abroad and Exchange
- Wellbeing

* located in the Mobile Careers Centre

Try to make time to learn about clubs and societies, as they're a big part of many students' university experience.

When you join the University, you automatically become a member of the Students' Union (known as SUSU), which is independent of the University. SUSU is here to represent the voice of students at every level and ultimately make your university experience unforgettable. There's a huge variety of events and social activities that you can take part in at our main campus, Highfield, and at WSA including: WSA Freshers' Fair

- Crafty workshops
- WSA Summer Ball
- WSA Careers Week

SUSU also has over 350 different sports clubs and societies. This includes over 50 societies in the creative industries such as:

- Wessex Scene Magazine
- Photographic Society
- Hookers, Knitters and Stitchers Society
- Games Society
- Art Society
- Music Society
- A range of sports societies
- Theatre Society

Don't forget to attend our Student Life talks for more information, details can be found on page 4.

Find out more by chatting to the SUSU rep at the Students' Union drop in. Details can be found on page 5.

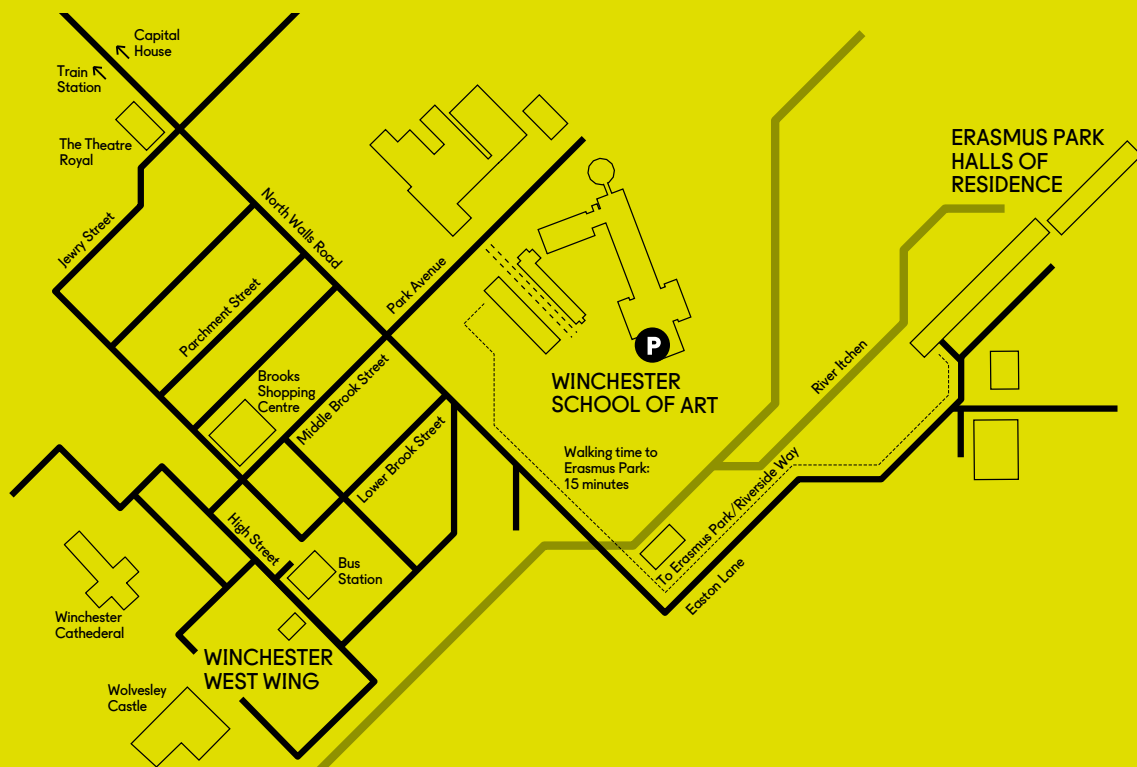
HARRISON BA FINE ART, 2023

"My tips for an Open Day are to make sure you write down a list of questions (for staff and students that you'll meet), take photos and walk around - either in a tour group or by yourself, it's a good way to learn the space!"



MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Our welcoming and safe accommodation provides excellent facilities with 24-hour support and advice available, and a fantastic environment for you to make new friends and experience student life.



WHY LIVE IN UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION?

- Includes a common room, laundrette and bicycle store
- High-speed internet in all bedrooms and communal spaces
- Frequent and good value travel options between Winchester and Southampton
- Support in cleaning communal areas from our domestic services team
- All utilities, use of laundry (with auto-dosing detergent) and contents insurance included
- Meet fellow WSA students and build your own community
- We are UK student accommodation code accredited

YOU CAN ALSO REQUEST:

- A quieter flat
- A no-alcohol flat
- Female only flats
- To live with your friends (international and second, third and fourth-year students only)

VISIT ERASMUS PARK HALLS

It is just a 15 minute walk to Erasmus Park. If you wish to drive, please DO NOT follow Google Maps as it will take you to the pedestrian entrance.

FROM WINCHESTER SCHOOL OF ART:

- Turn left onto Park Avenue and then turn left onto North Walls B333, keep left at the fork.
- Follow Easton Lane, drive past the pedestrian entrance and turn left onto Moorside Road.
- Follow Moorside Road around to the left and turn left when you see the Erasmus Park sign.

FROM THE M27:

- Leave the motorway at Junction 9
- At the roundabout take the Easton Lane exit towards Winnall Industrial Estate
- At the roundabout take the second exit
- Turn right onto Moorside Road
- Follow Moorside Road around to the left and turn left when you see the Erasmus Park sign.

You can park without a permit. Follow Open Day signage to the reception and common room for your accommodation tour.



"Most of the people I still hang out with today are those who I met in halls in my first year. As a WSA student, it meant everyone at Erasmus Park was also from WSA. It created lots of opportunities to mingle, and I knew I would see them again."

NICOLE
BA FASHION MARKETING WITH
MANAGEMENT, 2025



EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Use this map to help you explore the campus throughout the day. Want to find out more about the facilities? Head to the information point located in the cafe. Or take a guided tour with one of our student ambassadors.



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Westside Lecture Theatre

↑ Entrance

Library & Photography Studios

WESTSIDE BUILDING

5

← Entrance

Gallery

7



To Park →

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Entrance ↘

EASTSIDE BUILDING

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Creative Services

ADMIN & FASHION BUILDING

Student Office

← Entrance

Entrance ↗

Car Park (Staff/Students) →

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↓ Entrance

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SOUTH BUILDING

North Walls

To Erasmus Park/Riverside Way →

← To City Centre



LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE CAMPUS
AND FACILITIES



SOUTH BUILDING

FIRST FLOOR

- PC Suite
- Games Hangar

THIRD FLOOR

- Seminar Rooms 6-10
- Quiet Room

WEST SIDE

FIRST FLOOR

- Winchester Gallery
- Seminar Rooms 1161, 1163, 1165
- MA Fine Art Studio
- Media Stores
- Mac Suite
- Creative Computing Studios / Work

SECOND FLOOR

- Library
- Fashion Studio 4
- Fine Art Studio
- Lecture Theatre A
- Motion Capture Suite

WEST SIDE LECTURE THEATRE BUILDING

- West Side Lecture Theatre

ADMIN & FASHION BUILDING

FIRST FLOOR

- Main Reception
- Student Office

SECOND FLOOR

- Student Support
- Fashion Studio 1
- Fashion Studio 3

THIRD FLOOR

- Fashion Studio 2

EAST SIDE BUILDING

FIRST FLOOR

- Students' Union / Cafe
- Computer Centre and Mimaki Printing
- Printmaking Workshop
- MA TD Studios
- Digital Fabric Printer
- Creative Services Centre
- Textiles Dye Labs and Laundry
- E-Textiles
- 3D Printing
- Fine Art Studios / Workshops

SECOND FLOOR

- Mac Suite
- Computer Centre 1
- Assistive Technology
- Lecture Theatre B
- Fashion Marketing with Management
- SLT (Textiles) Workshops
- SLT (Textiles) Studio

THIRD FLOOR

- Graphic Communication Studios
- Seminar Rooms
- Digital Suites
- Harvard Lecture Space

1 Check-in

2 Campus Tours

3 Café

4 Information Point

5 Student Life Fair

6 Westside Lecture Theatre

7 Gallery

8 WSA Rotunda

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! Assembly Point

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