WINCHESTER SCHOOL OF ART

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Open Day Programme
Saturday 7 November 2026

YOU CREATE THEREFORE YOU ARE

Welcome to Winchester School of Art.

This is a place where creativity is explored, tested and brought to life. Our community brings together art, design, fashion, media, and technology to ask new questions and create work that shapes culture and society.

Today is your chance to step into our studios and workshops, meet the people behind the ideas, and be curious – see where creative collaboration and exploration can take you.

During the Open Day you can attend a subject talk, join a student-led campus tour and learn more about student life, accommodation and support services. You'll also explore the studios, labs and spaces where students experiment with everything from traditional craft to emerging technologies.

Take your time, ask questions and imagine what you could achieve here.

Patrick Duggan
Head of School

HOW TO PLAN YOUR DAY

Check in when you arrive

Head to the check-in desk to have your email confirmation scanned and pick up a printed copy of this guide. You can also check in using the button in your confirmation email.

Start with your subject talk

This is the best place to learn what it's really like to study your course, meet academic staff and see where your ideas could take you.

Explore the campus

Get the inside knowledge from a student-led tour to discover our studios, workshops, and creative spaces. Our students know the campus best and are always happy to answer questions.

Visit the Student Life Fair

Speak to our support teams about accommodation, careers, wellbeing and studying abroad. You can also attend the welcome talk to hear more about living and studying in Winchester.

Thinking about accommodation?

Visit Erasmus Park halls or speak with the team in the Student Life Fair to find out more.

Take a break

Relax and enjoy the atmosphere. Take a break and grab some food on campus or explore the many cafes and restaurants in Winchester city centre.

Stay connected

Use the free campus wifi. Select 'Wifi Guest' and follow the instructions.

A HISTORIC CITY A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Winchester is a creative, historic city with a strong cultural identity. From independent galleries and theatres to music, food and arts festivals throughout the year, there's always something happening.

It's a place where creativity sits alongside history. Explore centuries-old streets, discover independent shops and cafes, or take inspiration from the natural spaces surrounding the city.

And when you want to go further afield, London is just one hour away by train, giving easy access to world-class exhibitions, events and creative industries.

> Over the past three years living in Winchester, I've enjoyed being part of a vibrant and welcoming city with plenty to do. It offers great places to eat, weekly markets that are always fun to explore with friends, and a safe and comfortable atmosphere. It's also only a 20-minute train journey from Southampton, where the nightlife is centred, with a wide range of clubs and bars for enjoyable evenings out with friends.

Isobel
BA Games Design and Art, 2026

Places to eat and drink

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

Things to do

- Unique shopping experiences at places like The Hambledon and Anthropologie
- Independent cinema and theatres
- Modern leisure centre with great facilities

History and nature

- St Catherine's Hill – scenic views, about a 30-minute walk from WSA
- Winnall Moors nature reserve near campus
- Winchester Cathedral
- Wolvesey Castle

Transport

Distance from WSA to London

Train: 60 mins
Bus: 1hr 40 mins

Distance from WSA to the City Centre

Walk: 5 mins
Bus: 4 mins
Bike: 2 mins

Top tip

Why not explore our city, too?

Once you've finished your visit, take the short walk to Winchester city centre – it's right on our doorstep. Pick up a walking map from the Campus Tour desk, and ask us for directions!

IDEAS GROW FASTER WHEN YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY THEM

The Student Life Fair

The Student Life Fair is the perfect place to discover what life beyond the studio can look like.

Meet the teams who will support you through your studies from accommodation and admissions to academic skills, careers, disability and inclusion, study abroad, wellbeing, and art and culture.

The Students' Union

Clubs and societies are a big part of student life. When you join the University, you automatically become a member of the Students' Union (SUSU), a community that brings students together through events, activities and shared interests.

SUSU is home to more than 300 clubs and societies, offering opportunities across creative, cultural, academic, and recreational interests. Whether you're into art, media, crafts or performance, there are plenty of groups where you can explore creative practice or try something completely new.

SUSU regularly host creative events at Winchester School of Art, such as the WSA Freshers' Fair, Summer Ball, Crafternoons, food and games nights, careers activities, and conversation cafes.

You'll also have access to sports teams and societies at Highfield Campus, offering everything from casual social sport to competitive university-level teams.

There are also opportunities to take part in volunteering projects across the local community, developing new skills while making a positive impact.

To find out more, attend the Welcome talks or speak to the SUSU representative at the Students' Union drop-in.

Support

At Winchester School of Art, support is part of everyday life.

Our teams are here to help you thrive creatively and academically. Support services include:

- Academic Skills Hub
- The Student Hub
- 24/7 wellbeing support
- Student Disability and Inclusion
- Students' Union

Whatever questions you have during your time here, there will always be someone ready to help.

Fees and funding

The university supports with day-to-day costs and managing money, as well as bursaries and other funding options. See our website for further details.

Campus tours

Take time to explore our creative spaces throughout the day, and join one of our student ambassadors for a guided tour around campus. Chat with our students and ask about their experiences. They're the best people to tell you what life at WSA is really like.

START SOMEWHERE SEE WHERE IT LEADS

General Talks

Welcome talks	Time	Duration	Location
Welcome talk	10:00 | 11:30	30 minutes	West Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre A
Student Life talk	10:40	20 minutes	West Side Lecture Theatre
	12:30	20 minutes	East Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre B
Employability talk	13:00	30 minutes	West Side Lecture Theatre
Portfolio Advice Session	11:30 | 13:50	30 minutes	East Side Building, Level 3, Harvard Lecture Theatre, Room 3023
Discover Studio 3015	12:40	20 minutes	East Side Building, Level 1, Studio 3015

Subject drop ins

Subject	Time	Location
Creative Computing	12:30 – 15:00	Capital House (see map)
Learn about Augmented Reality, Kinect, Robotics, Microscopy and Biosensing at Capital House (our centre for games and technology, a 10-minute walk from WSA).		
Fashion Design	10:00 – 15:00	Admin Building, Level 2, Fashion Studio 1
Meet the team 1-2-1 and learn more about fashion futures at university and beyond.		
Fashion Marketing with Management	10:00 – 15:00	East Side Building, Level 2, Fashion Marketing Studio 1
Discuss the programme with the team and student ambassadors.		
Fine Art	10:00 – 15:00	East Side Building, Level 2, Year 1 Studio
Join staff members and current students to learn more about Fine Art and the student experience.		
Games Design & Art	11:40 – 15:00	Capital House (see map)
Meet the team at Capital House (our centre for games and creative technology, a 10-minute walk from WSA), play some games created by our students and learn more about the course.		

Subject drop ins

Subject	Time	Location
Graphic Communication	10:00 – 15:00	East Side Building, Level 3, Room 3021
Explore the playful and open-ended approach to a Graphic Communication workshop through creating a custom Risograph print.		
Illustration	10:00 – 15:00	East Side Building, Level 3, Room 3017
Join the academic team to learn more about this exciting new course.		
Luxury Brand Management	12:45 – 13:45	East Side Building, Level 3, Harvard Lecture Theatre, Room 3023
Learn about our new course and find out where it could take your career.		
Product Design	11:40 – 15:00	Capital House (see map)
Join the academic team to learn more about this exciting new course.		

Bring your current portfolio to the subject drop-in for feedback from our staff. Applying for Luxury Brand Management or Fashion Marketing with Management? You can bring your personal statement instead.

Subject talks

Subject	Time	Duration	Location
Creative Computing	11:25	40 minutes	East Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre B
Fashion Design	12:10	40 minutes	West Side Lecture Theatre
Fashion Marketing with Management	13:00	40 minutes	West Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre A
Fine Art	12:10	40 minutes	West Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre A
Games Design & Art	10:40	40 minutes	West Side Building, Level 2, Lecture Theatre A
Graphic Communication	13:50	40 minutes	West Side Lecture Theatre
Illustration	11:15	40 minutes	West Side Lecture Theatre
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Drop ins

Drop ins	Time	Location
Student Life Fair	10:00 – 14:00	West Side Building, Level 1, foyer
Find out more from our services how they support you during your studies. Find out more on page 6.		
Information Point	10:00 – 15:00	East Side Building, Level 1, foyer
Ask questions and chat with our current students. We'll be here to assist and direct you throughout the event.		
WSA Library	10:00 – 15:00	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.		

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"I genuinely enjoy my course and I have great lecturers who have pushed me to do my best and helped me settle into university. I've also made some amazing friends which has made my experience here memorable."

Funmi Adelaja
BA Fashion Marketing with Management 2026
(Pictured right)

TOURS

Accommodation tour (self guided), 10.00 - 15.00

Self-guide around our Winchester School of Art dedicated halls of residence, Erasmus Park. If you have any questions, please speak to our accommodation representatives at Erasmus Park or visit the Student Life Fair between 10:00 - 14:00.

Campus Tours, 10.00 - 15.00

Explore the fantastic facilities on offer here are Winchester School of Art with our university guides. Tours are on foot and take approximately 30 minutes. Last tour departs at 14:30.

> 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.

Yuxuan
BA Fashion Marketing with Management, 2025
(Pictured right)

YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Accommodation

Our accommodation offers a welcoming and supportive place to live while you study. It's designed to help you settle quickly, meet new people, and feel part of the student community.

Why live in university accommodation?

- Newly refurbished common room, laundrette, and bicycle storage
- High-speed internet in bedrooms and shared spaces
- Good-value travel links between Winchester and Southampton
- Cleaning support for communal areas
- Utilities, laundry (with detergent), and contents insurance included
- Opportunity to meet other WSA students and build a community
- Accredited by the UUK Student Accommodation Code
- Comprehensive contents insurance

You can also request a quieter flat, alcohol free flat, female-only flat, or to live with friends (for some students).

Transport

Distance from WSA to Southampton

Train: 20 mins
Bus: 50 mins

Distance from WSA to Erasmus Park accommodation

Walk: 15 mins
Bus: 10 mins
Bike: 5 mins

Visiting Erasmus Park Halls

Erasmus Park is about a 15-minute walk from WSA. If driving, follow the directions provided here rather than Google Maps, which directs you to the pedestrian entrance. Parking is available without a permit, head to reception and the common room for your accommodation tour.

See pages 14 – 15 for a directional map.

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.

> 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

(Pictured right)

FIND YOUR WAY, DISCOVER YOUR SPACES

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 East Side Building. Or take a guided tour with one of our student ambassadors.

In the West Side Building you'll find:

- Welcome Talks
- The Student Life Fair
- Lecture Theatre A
- WSA Library
- WSA Gallery

In the West Side Lecture Theatre Building you'll find:

- Additional talks

In the East Side Building you'll find:

- Information Point
- Lecture Theatre B
- Harvard Lecture Theatre
- Quiet Room

In Capital House you'll find:

- Creative Computing Drop-in
- Games Design & Art Drop-in

Check pages 8-10 for subject talks and drop-in locations

You'll find the Quiet Room in Eastside Building, Level 1. Feel free to drop in if you need to access a quiet space during the event.

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