University of Dundee

A guide to ACES Tayside
Welcome, and thank you for signing up to ACES Tayside!

**WHAT IS ACES?**

ACES is a nationally funded initiative based across the four art schools in Scotland. Our job is to encourage, educate and empower senior-phase pupils to consider careers and higher education in art, design and architecture.

Our broad programme of events and 1-1 support will help you to explore your options, create a competitive application and develop a strong portfolio of work.

ACES runs at the University of Dundee, Glasgow School of Art, Edinburgh College of Art and Robert Gordon University.

**WHO IS ACES?**

**Helen Hardman – ACES Tayside Project Officer**

Helen manages all of the ACES events and co-ordinates the team of ACES tutors and ambassadors. Taking a personalised approach, helping you explore your options and supporting your application to university or college is her job. From personal statements to portfolios and more – Helen is here to help you.

**The ACES Ambassadors**

The ACES Ambassadors are current DJCAD students who support Helen in the delivery of ACES activities. Occasionally they will run their own events too! The Ambassadors can give a great (and honest!) insight into life at university studying creative degrees, and some even used to be ACES pupils when they were in school too!
WHO CAN TAKE PART IN ACES?

ACES is funded by the Scottish Government to work with senior pupils who meet our eligibility criteria at state schools across Tayside, Fife, Angus and Perthshire. The full list of partner schools and eligibility criteria can be found on our website.

HOW CAN ACES HELP ME?

Our programme of on-campus and in-school activities includes:

- On-campus ‘Explore’ events to give you a taster of all the different creative specialisms

- On-campus practical workshops – including portfolio prep club, life drawing and printmaking. These sessions help you develop key skills and work for your portfolio – some of the classes run every week.

- Gallery trips to explore other creative places and see new work

- Application, personal statement, portfolio and interview preparation workshops to help you create a competitive application and portfolio, and to speak about your practice confidently.

- 1-1 support – at any time that suits you – for your UCAS application, personal statement, digital and full portfolios.

Our events are always free and we include any materials that you might need.

All of our events are listed on our website, and we will send regular updates with upcoming events. You can also see our leaflet and posters with our programme of activity.

We are always trying to think of new activities and events – so if there’s something you’d like to see on our programme please get in touch!

HOW DO I SIGN UP TO EVENTS?

We use Eventbrite to manage our events. You can access the booking links either via our website or any links that we email to you.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I CAN NO LONGER ATTEND AN EVENT?

It is really important that you let us know if you can no longer attend an event. You can contact us via email, phone, text message or Facebook.
HOW CAN I CONTACT THE ACES TEAM & KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ACES?

Email is best – acs@dundee.ac.uk

You can also contact us via our social media channels, or give us a call on 01382 384030.

ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Yes! ACES uses social media regularly to share updates on events and activities and relevant information. It’s also a nice way to share what we are doing with others, and for general ACES chit chat. We are a nice wee community!

Add Helen on Facebook: Helen Hardman ACES Tayside
Facebook Page: facebook.com/acesTayside
Facebook Group: facebook.com/groups/aces_tayside
Twitter: @acesTayside
Instagram: @acesTayside

HOW CAN I MEET OTHER ACES PUPILS FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS?

ACES works with many schools across Tayside and Fife which makes attending our events a great way to meet likeminded pupils with similar career ambitions to you! Some of our pupils have met friends for life through ACES and are now studying and living together at university!

GET INVOLVED

We welcome you to get involved, whether you’re set on applying for a creative degree or simply want to find out more.

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