

# ACES mini

# Sketchbook Workshops

Sketchbooks are a vital part of any art school portfolio and are actively sought by university selectors. There are so many styles and ways of creating a sketchbook that sometimes getting started can be daunting.

The ACES Sketchbook Workshops are the perfect opportunity to banish your sketchbook blues! This year we are offering our sketchbook workshop in mini format to you in-school.

From small, personal diaries to large scale presentation books – and everything in-between! – the ACES Sketchbook Workshops will introduce your pupils to an array of styles and techniques to suit everyone.

The workshops will be lead by ACES Co-Ordinator Helen, supported by a team of current DJCAD students. In this way pupils can also find out more about studying creative courses at college and university.

## Time requirements

We are flexible! We can create a workshop to fit with your availability – whether that is a single or double period. We are also happy to do repeat workshops with different classes.

## What to expect

We can tailor our sketchbook workshops to suit your needs – so if there is anything that you would like us to focus on please let us know.

### Our basic workshop includes:

- › **Introduction to the workshop** | What are sketchbooks, why they are important
- › **Small groups** | Example sketchbooks, led by DJCAD student ambassadors.  
Pupils will have the opportunity to browse a variety of sketchbooks and will be encouraged by the ambassadors to chat about their ideas, inspiration, likes and dislikes. The aim is to make them feel confident about getting started in their own books!

### Optional extras:

- › **Creating small sketchbooks** | Using simple materials and easy techniques, the DJCAD ambassadors will help your pupils to create their own small sketchbooks
- › **Art school subject talks from current DJCAD students** | Current students will bring along the work they have created at university, giving your pupils an insight into the range of options on offer within creative courses. Subject specialisms will depend on student availability.

## Other workshops

In the autumn term ACES is also able to offer a range of alternative workshops focusing on art school requirements, with examples of successful portfolios. More details will be included in the ACES autumn events package which will be sent to you in August.

## Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

To book a workshop and discuss your requirements please get in touch!

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# ACES Autumn Events 2017

ACES is busy firming up dates for our Autumn 2017 programme – and [the full calendar will be sent out along with our annual updates in August.](#)

However, we wanted to let you know what we have planned so far. As always we'd love to hear your suggestions for workshops and events – so please get in touch if there is anything you'd like to see!

## On-Campus Workshops & Activities

### Explore Days

Our annual Explore Days for Architecture, Product & Digital Design and Communication Design will take place in October.

### Application Workshops

Applying to Creative Degrees Workshop | September 2017

Personal Statement Masterclass | October 2017

Digital Portfolio Masterclass | November 2017

Applications to creative degrees are very different to other subjects. Our application workshops will show pupils what selectors are looking for, what successful portfolios look like, how to create an awesome creative personal statement and the all-important digital portfolio.

### Life Drawing Autumn Block

ACES Life Drawing will return in September!

Due to unprecedented demand for ACES Life Drawing in autumn 2016 we had to split our ten-week block of classes in to two six-week blocks so that everybody had the opportunity to take part. Depending on application numbers in 2017 we may do this again.

### Portfolio Prep Club

We learned a lot from our 2016-17 Portfolio Prep Club, and we're working to make 2017 even better.

### Printmaking Workshop

Our annual takeover of the DJCAD printmaking workshop will return in October! This two-day workshop is one of ACES most popular (and messy!) events.

### Digital Portfolio Preparation

Digital portfolios can be tricky to master – especially with the variations in requirements between the different art schools. ACES will be hosting on-campus development sessions for pupils to come and use the DJCAD facilities.

### DJCAD Experience Days & creative work experience

This year we have teamed up with the work experience co-ordinators in DJCAD to offer DJCAD experience days. Pupils will have the opportunity to work with current students in the workshops, gaining practical skills and an insight to life at art school.

Application forms will be sent out in August and the days will be available in October/November.

## In-School Opportunities and Support

### Workshops (can be combined!)

- > **Applying to Creative Degrees** | Portfolio demonstration workshop with successful portfolio and digital portfolio examples
- > **Studying Creative Degrees** | Hear from current art, design and architecture students all about studying at art school
- > **Creative Personal Statements** | How to craft a brilliant creative personal statement
- > **Sketchbook Workshops** | How to get started on those all-important sketchbooks

### 1-1 & group pupil support

Helen is available to support pupils in-school with their personal statements and portfolios. With our portable photography studio we can bring our digital portfolio support to you if pupils aren't able to travel to campus.