

11 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: TASTER SESSION AT UNIVERSITY SOUTH ESSEX COLLEGE- PURFLEET. 26 JUNE 2025

The Art and Photography Department are offering our Year 10s a free Taster Session at University South Essex College. There is no cost for the day and we will travel by school minibus. We will depart from school at 9.00 am and return by 3.15 pm traffic permitting. Alternative arrangements may need to be made for your child's journey home from the Academy on this day. Students will need to wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch with them, including plenty of water. Those students entitled to a free school meal, will be able to collect this before we leave. Details of the day are below:

This Taster Day, from the teams at University Centre South Essex, is full of workshops and new experiences, as students explore four key areas: Costume Construction, Film and TV Production, Hair and Media Makeup and Animation.

Within the Costume Construction part of the day: students will be guided on a brief tour of the campus, given course information, take part in a live Q&A with the teaching team, as well as take part in a costume handling workshop. We introduce the students to a variety of different costumes, from ballet through to weird and wonderful creatures in this one-hour taster experience.

Students will then have an introduction to the exciting world of film and TV. During this practical session, students will have the chance to put together an idea for a new feature film and work out how an impossible camera shot was achieved.

Then it is onto exploring Hair and Media Makeup with an engaging presentation exploring the role it plays in the TV and film industries. Within this hour there will be a live demo of how to make a latex Halloween finger using special effects. After patch testing, each student will explore this medium including colouring, filling, and fake blood effects. Then there is the option to ask any questions with the teaching team and look at the education options on offer for post-16.

After a packed lunch, during our Animation workshop students will let their imaginations run wild designing a character and making it come to life. Students will explore mono printing, character design and movement in a way that they can recreate at home to further develop their skills.

To confirm your child's participation in this event, please could I ask that you complete the Google Form below. Please note, you **do not** need a Google account to fill in the form, although you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome: <https://forms.gle/od5XWdStQXyva83d7>.

There are 24 spaces available to Year 10 Art and Photography students and will be allocated on a first-come-first serve basis although, places will be considered, dependent upon their attendance, behaviour and academic record. Students who do not meet the requirements for the trip will not be allowed to participate. **The closing date for responses is will be Monday 16 June 2025.**

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on 01375 489000 or via email at rebecca.skeet@theglc.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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