



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Career	How to Get Into It	Recommended Websites
Fine Artist	Degree or self-study, build a portfolio, network via exhibits, galleries, collectives	National Careers Service fine artist profile (National Careers Service)
Graphic Designer	Study design, learn industry tools, build a portfolio, freelance/agency work	Creative Boom (guides, inspiration)
Illustrator	Develop a unique style, create samples for books/magazines, join AOI	Prospects/National Careers – portfolio + AOI membership
Animator	Take animation courses (e.g., Animation Mentor), build demo reel, intern	reddit job guidance
Fashion Designer	Study fashion design, internships, build collection, showcase at fashion events	Creative & Cultural Skills / UAL Insights
Interior Designer	Degree/diploma, internships, build portfolio, network	Creative Careers resources via Whitechapel
Web Designer	Study UX/UI & coding, build websites, freelance, create portfolio	Creative Careers resources
Architect	Architecture degree + RIBA/Royal Charter, portfolio, placements	Creative Careers recruitment advice
Art Director	Experience in design roles, leadership skills, strong portfolio	Creative Boom feature articles
Product Designer	Study product design, hands-on projects, prototyping, UX knowledge	Creative Careers resources
Jewellery Designer	Study jewellery/craft courses, apprenticeships, showcase in fairs	Artquest / Crafts Council links via National Careers
Ceramics Designer	Training in ceramics, studio practice, network via events	National Careers ceramics training advice
Textile Designer	Study textiles/fashion, build woven/digital samples, internships	UAL Insights
Set Designer & Prop Maker	Theatre training, join CDMT-accredited schools, portfolio & volunteering	CDMT overview
Photographer	Study photography, build portfolio, freelance/editorial work	Creative Boom, Arts Jobs
Make-up Artist	Training/certification, build kit & portfolio, work in media	Creative Careers / Arts Hub resources



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Art Therapist	Psychology/art degree, accredited postgrad, placements	National Careers fine art alternative routes
Performing & Writing		
Actor / Dancer / Musician	Training (drama/dance schools/CDMT), auditions, agent, community theatre	CDMT, Backstage casting platform
Choreographer	Dance training, choreograph performances/projects, network	CDMT & theatre career sites
Screenwriter	Study scriptwriting, write sample scripts, festivals, workshops	Creative Careers / The Dots
Journalist / Copywriter / Content Writer	Journalism/English studies, build writing samples, work at outlets/freelance	Arts Careers & Creative Skills sites
Other Creative Fields		
Marketing / PR / Creative Director / Social Media Specialist / Web Content Manager	Degree or training in marketing/PR, internships, portfolio of campaigns	UAL Insights / Creative Careers
Event Planner	Event management courses, volunteer at events, build portfolio	Arts Hub Advice / Creative Careers
Video Producer/Editor	Study video production, build reels, join Creative COW/forum tutorial community	Creative COW
UX/UI Designer / Games Designer	Study UX/UI or game design, build prototypes, portfolios, internships	Creative Careers resources
Museum Curator / Arts Administrator	History/art degrees, internships, museum volunteering	Arts Hub / Arts Jobs / Creative Careers
Photo Editor	Editorial experience, strong visual sense, portfolio	Arts Careers sites
Fashion, PR & Marketing Manager	Fashion business study, internships, industry networking	UAL Insights / Creative Skills

Tips Across All Creative Careers

- **Build a strong portfolio**—a mix of physical and digital work is essential ([edX](#)).
- **Network strategically** by joining professional communities, volunteering, and attending events ([Indeed](#)).
- **Use creative-job platforms** like ArtsJobs, ArtsHub, Creative Boom, The Stage, Backstage, Creative COW ([careersinthearts.co.uk](#)).
- **Join industry bodies:** AOI, Creative Access, CDMT, Arts Emergency offer mentorship, training, and job leads ([en.wikipedia.org](#)).