

Employability statement

Kensington and Chelsea College provides the following HE courses:

- Higher National Certificates/Diplomas in Fine Art, Millinery or Interior Architecture validated by Edexcel
- Foundation Degree in Early Years Early Years validated by London South Bank University
- Diploma in Teaching in the Life Long Learning Sector (DTLLS) and
- Diploma in the Lifelong Learning Sector Skills for Life (DTLLS ESOL\Literacy) validated by Canterbury Christ Church University

The structure of courses at KCC ensures that students are supported in making the right career choice. Students develop their talents and create a skills portfolio. There are opportunities for students to increase their skills base by taking additional short courses eg: marketing, ICT, CAD, customer care and self management skills.

Students benefit from open lecturer programme delivered by industry professionals. Foundation Degree in Early Years students also benefit from employment placement schemes.

Support for students in finding employment include:

- Innovative internships linked to the teacher training programme in, e.g. fine art and photography.
- Student representatives taking part in quality assurance and inspection cycles acquire a detailed knowledge of academic and institutional systems.
- Well established links in the voluntary sector provide opportunities for students to gain valuable experience in their chosen profession.
- High quality mentoring as tutors maintain a continuing professional practice within their subject discipline. In art and design students leave with a portfolio of work that is valid within the self-employment arena.
- Tutor first hand knowledge of running businesses and engaging with live projects and commissions becomes shared good practice that supports the development of student employability.
- Interview preparation, CV writing, links to RBKC's job fairs and events programmes.

RBKC is one of the richest ethnically and culturally inclusive working and residential environments of London and KCC actively promotes equality and diversity. We are closely linked to the creative arts industry, media and professional bodies and institutions, for example: Imperial College, Royal College of Art and Royal Academy.

These opportunities are further supported by the proximity of the V&A and Science and Natural History Museums.

Awards won by KCC students include:

- Amateur Photographer of the year 2009
<http://www.stevemepstedphotography.com/articles.html>

- Inspired by the V&A
http://www.kcc.ac.uk/news/craft-product-and-interior-design/new_designers_exhibition_2010
- Feltmakers Award 1st prize
<http://www.feltmakers.co.uk/2010/03/19/hat-competition-2010-prizewinners/>
- Alumni Exhibition
http://www.kcc.ac.uk/news/fine-art-and-photography/alumni_art_exhibition

HNC Millinery and Interior Design and HND Fine art support employability through 'live' industry linked projects eg:

- HNC Millinery Fenwicks, who select hats for displaying in their shop before before Ascot
http://www.kcc.ac.uk/downloads/fenwicks_020610.pdf
- HND in Fine Art local exhibition supported and funded by RBKC

Find out what the students thought - hyperlink good quotes from Monkey /Student IQER http://www.kcc.ac.uk/higher_education/

Local artists present summer show at KCC http://www.kcc.ac.uk/news/fine-art-and-photography/local_artists_summer_show