

# Zinc Arts AQA Newsletter

As of January 2015, Zinc Arts began teaching AQA accredited courses for anyone aged 16 years old and over. Two terms later, take a look at what our students have been learning and their incredible achievements so far.

**Enrolment for September 2015 is now open.**



## Visual Arts

One student on the **Autism Spectrum** loved art, but only ever drew dogs. By attending the **Visual Arts** course, he was able to create a portfolio of work, which includes a variety of different art forms such as **marbling** and **pointillism**. These images show just a small percentage of what the student has created in class.

In every session of **Visual Arts**, the tutors aim to challenge and help students develop their artistic skills further.

## Film Making

The students of **Film Making** have learnt about a variety of different **camera shots and angles**, how to use complex **camera equipment** and prepare and create **their own films**.

One of the films created by this group is '**You've been fired**', the students picked a title, line of text and an object to use. The group then **devised storyboards**, **scripts** and **camera set-up plans** before filming. We can't wait for the Premiere!





### Catering

The catering students have gained a great deal of **culinary expertise** over the last two terms. From learning how to **prepare food hygienically** to cooking a **variety of different recipes**. Their creative pastry dishes are delicious!

Each student also experienced the dynamics of working in the **Zinc Arts Cafe**.

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### Employability

Zinc Arts Employability course teaches students how to create **C.V's**, search for **jobs**, experience **mock interviews** and even improve their **maths skills**.

The student's hard work will enhance their prospects of **gaining voluntary work, work experience or paid employment**.



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### Drama

Each drama student created an **autobiographical monologue** about what they struggled with in life, the group then **performed** their work to a **large audience**.

Since January, Zinc Arts has employed ex-student **Jade**, who is a wheelchair user, as a paid support worker.

**Jade** has been a **positive influence** on the group, and encourages each student that **disability** does not have to get in the way of acting!

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## The Biz

The Biz is an **inclusive theatre group** where students create their own shows and props. They recently performed a version of '**Bugsy Malone**' with splurge guns, 1920's costumes and dancing to a full audience in the **Zinc Arts Essex Studio**.

From September onwards **The Biz** will become an **AQA accredited course**.



Click '**Read more**' to find out what the **Zinc Arts** students have been doing, or more information on **AQA accredited courses**...

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Zinc Arts is a leading charity that provides high quality creative educational and vocational pathways for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. We specialise in working with people with physical, sensory or learning disabilities, mental health service users, and young people with experience of social exclusion and social care.

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