

# Zinc Education

The only education provider in Essex, harnessing the arts as a tool for growth; that prepares you for work and independent living

**S.E.N with a difference**

**Create  
innovate  
elevate**





# Welcome to zinc

Zinc Education is an Ongar based charity working with vulnerable adults, children and young people.

This includes working with individuals with disabilities, learning disabilities, mental health concerns, deprivation and isolation.



Here at Zinc Education we do things a little differently.

Because we're a charity and not a school, we are regulated by different bodies, meaning we don't need to prescribe to the old fashioned classroom approach.

Instead, we can tailor our service to the needs of the individual and focus entirely on providing the best service to our students.





Our team of passionate individuals seek to promote inclusion and equality.

We are extremely proud to have been working in our field for over 30 years, providing specialist participation for those individuals or groups for whom accessing and taking part in high quality arts activities is challenging or even near to impossible.

We believe in providing opportunities for all. Breaking through barriers and pushing everyone to try a little harder and achieve a little more than they ever thought possible.

By guiding students to discover and fulfil their potential we aim to produce well rounded, independent and happy individuals.

Zinc works with organisations throughout the country to provide bespoke programmes.

We work both nationally and locally, in Zinc's fully-accessible building, with those who find it difficult to engage with mainstream education, exploration and self-advancement.





# What we offer

Here at **Zinc Education** you will earn a number of AQA accredited awards through the completion of cross curricular, creative projects.

You want to focus on photography? Ok let's do an exhibition. You'd like to try your hand at musical theatre? Fantastic let's put on a show. How about you participate in a student run restaurant for a term? Brilliant let's get cooking. You want to make a sculpture, choreograph a dance routine, explore fractal geometry, try some puppetry or simply just want to let our staff guide you through some new adventures... great! Let's do it.

Working collaboratively in this way you will earn accreditation in a whole host of modules focusing on numeracy, literacy, life skills, independent living, creative arts and performing arts to name a few.

Functional, multisensory learning is the best way for those who learn in a non-conventional way, to soak up all that information and retain it.

Not to mention the host of other skills you will acquire: teamwork, decision making, leadership skills, problem solving, communication, creativity, confidence, self-esteem, positivity and many more. Plus, the best bit about all of this is that it's really good fun.

## Our greatest resource

**Zinc education wants to inspire joy.**

Something we hope you'll feel the minute you step inside our beautiful home, Great Stony Hall. A converted Victorian school with beautiful, bright, airy classrooms. Plus our American themed diner, a gorgeous vaulted central atrium and our fully accessible studio theatre. **Zinc** has it all. It's a thriving community hub and there is always loads to get involved with, even outside of the courses we offer.

It's just great a place to feel inspired or just hang out with others on your days off.





# A level above

On top of the AQA awards, you will also be offered opportunities to find work experience within the other departments of Zinc and out in the wider Ongar community.

You will have the chance to see what real work is like and hopefully move on to an actual offer of employment.

In the past, students who have completed work placements at Zinc have gone on to secure positions working on reception, in our kitchen, with the facilities team and even in our finance department.

We want you to reach your maximum potential, whatever that may be, and will help you fill your CV with real life experiences that make you stand out from the crowd when approaching future employers.

It's your life, let us help you live it. We aim to give you the skills to live independently and make your own way in the world. We'd love you to stay but we try our best to help you leave.

**We are the only further education provider in Essex to deliver accredited learning, harnessing the arts as a tool for growth; that prepares you for work and independent living.**



## How does it work

Our Provision map covers four principal streams of study: **Art Box**, **Perform**, **Reflect** and **Elevate** which all feed collaboratively into the fifth: **Stepping Stones**.

Students will be guided to collect AQA units from multiple routes whilst working on a dynamic, arts-based project.

Pick a path through each project to collect units. Play to your strengths, or try something new and **aspire** to reach beyond what you ever thought was possible.





# A RT BOX

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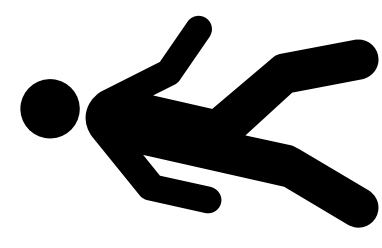
# P ERFORM

# I NCLUSIVITY

# R EFLECT

# E LEVATE

WHERE WILL YOUR  
JOURNEY TAKE YOU



Visual  
Arts

Digital  
Design

Photography

Animation

Performance  
Art

Set  
Design

Employability

Community  
Understanding

Work  
Readiness

Communication  
Skills

Social  
Enterprise

First  
Steps

Singing

Dancing

Music  
Production

Drama  
Production

Theatre  
Technology

Stage  
Management

AT THE CORE OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Wellbeing

Independence

Positive  
Mental  
Health

Social  
Skills

Communication  
Skills

Problem  
Solving

Literacy

Numeracy

Science



# Art Box

## Its time to get messy with some big creative ideas

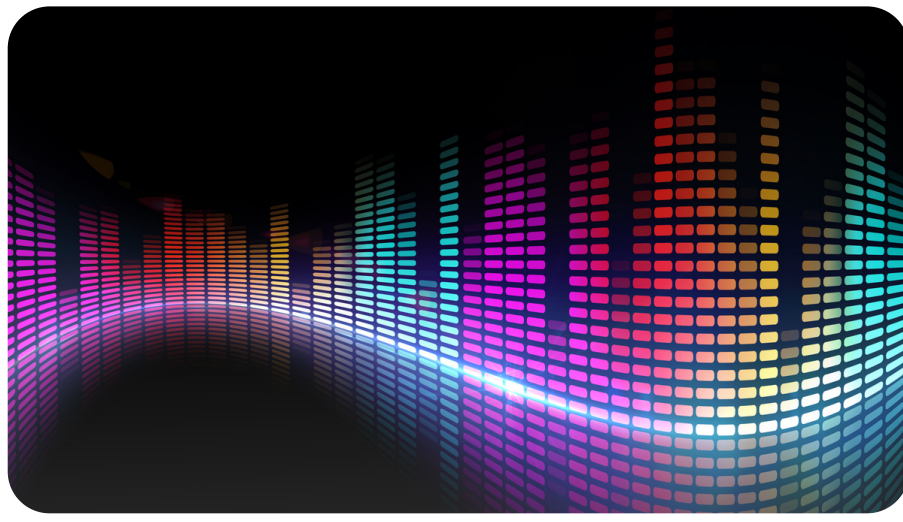
**ArtBox** offers a host of opportunities to explore your creative side. Students work with many mediums within the arts, learning new skills and developing existing ones in subjects such as film making, performance art, painting, sketching and sculpture. If you can dream it, we can try it.

Work is showcased via in house exhibitions, the Zinc website, social media and is entered into appropriate awards. Students are also encouraged to develop enterprise and small business skills, through selling their work produced during this course.



### Visual arts

A dynamic look at worldwide visual artists and how their work impacts the world around us. Pick up a paint brush and see if you're the next Picasso or grab some clay and get sculpting.



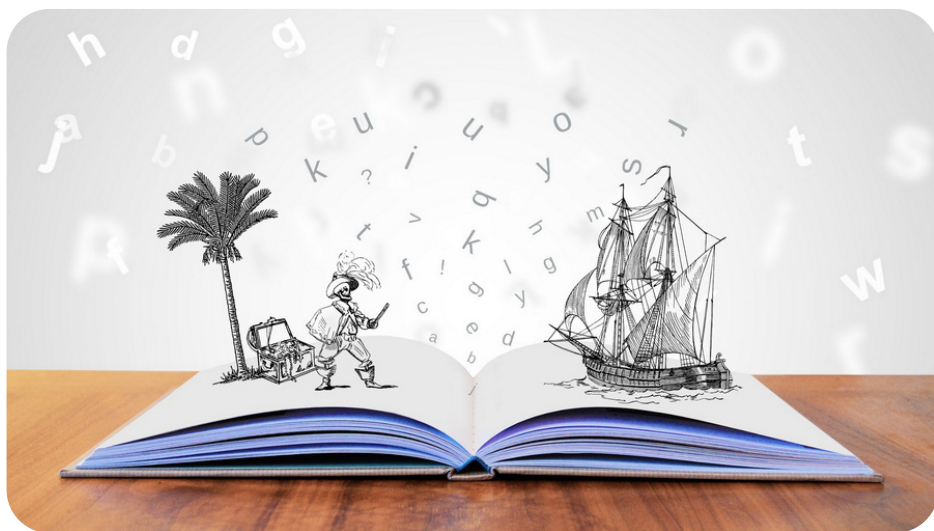
### Digital design

Artistic work or practice that uses digital technology as part of the creative or presentation process. Graphics, logos, social media and web design all contribute to the most modern of modern arts.



### Photography & film making

From page to production. Lights, camera, action! Gain skills to develop an idea into a fully formed movie. Then learn to use a range of different equipment to capture those amazing moments we want to treasure forever.



### Animation & visual story telling

From flick books to Fantasia, discover the world of animated movie making. Or perhaps you want to join the world of Marvel and DC and explore the comic book style of storytelling. Be your own hero this time.



### Performance art

Join the world of performance art and let your abstract thoughts bubble out into the real world. Our building is great for site specific installations that ooze with imagination and surprise.



### Props, costume & set design

Looking at West End set designers, costume and prop makers, to have an understanding of how to use and maximise your own performance space. Turn your ideas into reality and watch them come alive in our productions.



# Stepping Stones

**This is what it's all about, gaining employability skills and real work experience**

**Stepping Stones** will prepare you for the world of work and offer you an apprenticeship at Zinc Arts, which could lead onto paid employment with local employers, or even Zinc ourselves.

In the past, apprenticeships have been in catering, hospitality, administration, building services, gardening, teaching support, marketing, events management, finance and customer service. What will you do?



## Employability

A two hours per week work placement / internship at Zinc or other local employers. These placements can be arranged by Zinc and students will be fully supported.



## Community understanding

Gain teamwork skills and build positive relationships in the workplace.



## Work Readiness

Preparing for work from mock interviews, how to look for suitable vacancies, CV building and application forms.



## Communication skills

Developing personal communication skills using traditional and contemporary methods including email, spoken language, the written word and social media.



## Social enterprise

Students will be learning entrepreneurial skills and putting these into practice with their own enterprise groups. Creating and selling products or services for sale to the external and internal community at Zinc.



## First steps

Begin your journey by looking at the world of work and finding your place in it. Prepare for work placements, overcome barriers to work and look at career exploration.



# Perform

**All aspects of performing arts, focusing on skills you need, both on, and off the stage**

**Perform** is perfect for anyone looking to develop new or existing skills in theatre, acting, dance and music.

Engage in many different performing art forms, from singing to dance, music production, script writing, prop making, directing and theatre technology. Work with professional actors and experienced theatre practitioners. Work with a team of like-minded individuals to create a high quality performance, which will be showcased in our very own Zinc theatre.



## Singing

Learning the techniques and application of singing. Exploring and performing a range of musical genres.



## Dancing

Get a taste of the dance world, looking at genres including musical theatre, commercial street dance, contemporary and many more.



## Music production

Explore and have fun with different sounds while experimenting with a range of different instruments and analysing a variety of music performances.



## Drama production

Confidence building through drama. Looking at different methods of acting, writing and performing. We look at a combination of improvising our own work and exploring the work of others.



## Theatre technology

Our fully equipped studio gives you a chance to understand the importance of the work of theatre technicians and their role in a fully formed production. Lighting and sound design are crucial aspects of modern theatre.



## Stage management

The real magicians of theatre. learn how to stage manage a show, organise cues, set changes, the use of props and quick changes of costume there's loads to cover when you're waiting in the wings.



# Reflect

## Focusing on the bigger picture and what really makes us tick

**Reflect** focuses on personal growth and wellbeing. Looking within, to generate our own happiness and peace of mind.

These skills compliment the others by ensuring that individuals are fully prepared for independent living. Using the arts in a creative way to gain practical skills for managing positive mental health.



### Wellbeing

Looking at what it takes to look after your own wellbeing. From healthy eating to looking at interpersonal relationships.



### Independence

Skills and tools needed to live an independent life. From money management, cooking skills to personal safety and knowing your rights.



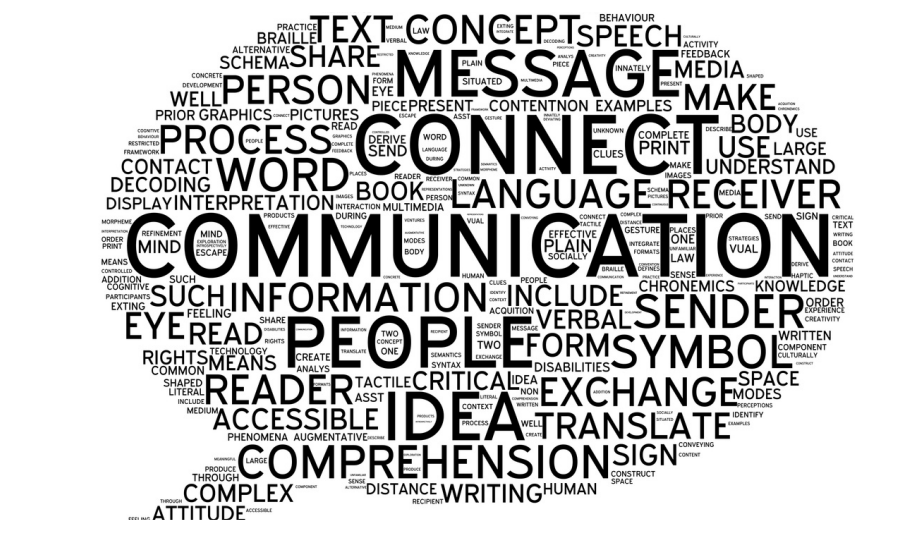
### Positive mental health

To become more aware of our emotions, thinking, behaviours and physical symptoms.



### Social skills

Using the arts as a catalyst to understand social situations and improving the ability to flourish in different settings and environments. Team work and collaboration are vital.



### Communication skills

Developing personal communication skills using traditional methods and modern technology including emails, spoken word, written word and social media.



### Problem solving

Find your resolve and persevere when things get tough. Engage those out of the box ideas and look for solutions instead of problems.



# Elevate

## The core skills students will need to thrive

**Elevate** focuses on the core subjects that are delivered in every educational setting.

Learn functional skills in maths and English. Useful applications for the development of key skills, delivered in a practical, easy to digest, kinesthetic way.

Maybe complete some crazy experiments and fun investigations into the fundamental forces that shape our natural world and broaden your horizons into the wider universe.



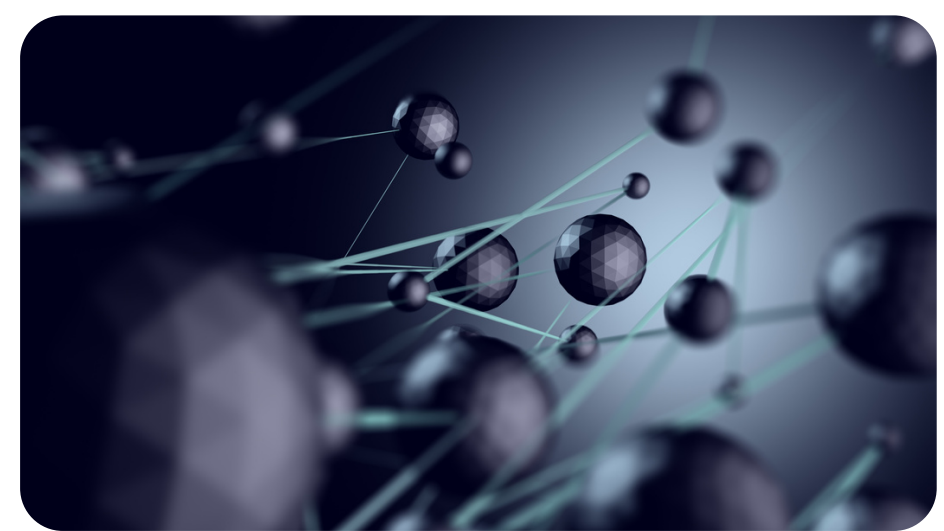
### Literacy

Essential functional literacy skills focusing on reading, writing, comprehension and creativity. Crafting scripts and lyrics for our budding performers is all part of the process. Perhaps there is an unexplored poet in you.



### Numeracy

Functional numeracy skills focusing on quantities, money, time, measurements, data handling, geometry and statistics. Every project needs the numbers to add up. Time to put your thinking cap on.



### Science

Exploring the forces of nature, biodiversity, chemical reactions and our place in the universe. Put on your safety goggles and let's get experimenting.



# Project Example



Now that you've seen all that we have to offer let's have a look at an example project and how students will collect units from the different streams

**Art Box, Stepping Stones, Perform, Reflect and Elevate.**

## Living Dioramas:

A site-specific, performance art, instillation. Students design and create an environment based on a story of their choice. A room in Hogwarts School for example or perhaps a Pokemon battling arena or maybe an alien planet. Who Knows?

Those who want to, will then step inside their environment and bring them to life. Of course there will then be a chance for parents, carers and anyone who wants to, to come along and see the finished product.

Students will be able to collect 4 specific **AQA units** for this project depending upon the roles they chose within the group and the number of days they attend.

Fewer days attendance simply means less time to complete all the required learning objectives.





Unit name	Education Stream	Unit Description
<b>114077</b> - Creating a role as part of a group performance piece	<b>Perform</b>	This unit would be for those who want to perform in the diorama, this can be acting, singing or dancing
<b>994833</b> - Introduciton to performance - Props	<b>Art Box</b>	Making one or more props. For those students who wish to follow their creative passion.
<b>108345</b> - Planning a live event	<b>Stepping stones and Reflect</b>	Organisational skills, improved confidence and self-esteem. And for those who wish to gain work experience, the chance to work on ticket sales or running a box office.
<b>116749</b> - Geometry: 3D shapes	<b>Elevate</b>	Using geometric shapes to build the environment.
	or	
<b>113735</b> - Geometry and measures:	<b>Elevate</b>	A higher level of geometry differentiated for those that are able to reach a bit further. Also delivered through the creation of the artistic environment..

On top of this students will pick up English skills from writing the script, leadership skills for those who feel confident enough and all the benefits that come from creativity and imagination.







# Finance & Support Options

## Course Costs

A full term at **Zinc Education** costs £655 for a one day a week placement. Prices are based on a 13 week term, which will run as close as possible to Essex local authority term dates. Please contact us to discuss further payment options.

Students can opt to participate in anywhere between 1-4 days a week Tue-Fri.

With our discount accumulator scheme there is a 5% discount for the 2nd day, 10% for the 3rd and a full 25% off for the 4th day. In real terms this is the same as paying full price for 3 days and receiving the fourth absolutely free!

Number Of Days Per Week	1	2	3	4
Full Price	£655	£1,310	£1,965	£2,620
Discount		5%	10%	25%
Discounted Price	£655	£1,244	£1,768	£1,965

## Financial Support

Courses are paid for via personal budgets or direct payments. If you are not in receipt of a personal budget or direct payment, Zinc may be able to support you in finding out more on how to access them. Please contact us on 01277 365 626 or email [mike.jones@zincarts.org.uk](mailto:mike.jones@zincarts.org.uk)

## Keeping You Safe

Zinc has a responsibility to provide everyone with a safe learning environment in which to study. All of our fully DBS checked and experienced staff are trained in safeguarding and are there to support you with any concerns you may have. Our fully accessible building, prides itself on being a safe place with dedicated training rooms complete with fob access, CCTV and pull cords.

## Bespoke Education Programmes for Schools and Colleges

Zinc Education is also available for schools and colleges. We currently deliver to many different SEN schools in the local area. These schools bring whole classes or smaller groups into Zinc for our specialist provision.

If you or your group are interested in accessing Zinc Education's half-day courses or Bespoke Education Programmes please contact us on 01277 365 626 or email [mike.jones@zincarts.org.uk](mailto:mike.jones@zincarts.org.uk)





# So, will you be one of our next Zinc Education graduates?

If you are interested in signing up to Zinc Education or finding out more about the courses and options available please contact **Mike.Jones@zincarts.org.uk** or call us on **01277 365 626**.

We are more than happy to provide you with further information or meet with you to discuss any further details and show you around **Zinc's** excellent facilities.



