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The UK film Industry employs 66,000 people and is worth a huge £1.4bn annually. The BFI (British Film Institute) predict that there will be jobs for 10,000 new entrants by 2020 . The BFI Film Academy wants to ensure that young people are equipped with the skills to take their place among the next generation of UK film talent.

What is the BFI Film Academy?

The BFI Film Academy provides opportunities for talented and committed young people between the ages of 16 and 19 to develop new skills and build a career in the film industry, no matter where they live or what their background. The BFI Film Academy is supported by funding from the Department for Education in England, the National Lottery and other industry partners.

It offers hands-on opportunities for young people to discover the world of filmmaking and unleash their creative potential. Students will have opportunities to develop specialist skills and learn from professionals who are working in the industry.

Courses are available across the UK and run at different times throughout the entire year from September 2018 to Summer 2019. Some courses are run locally, and others are residential courses where participants from across the UK will come together for one to two weeks to learn about their chosen area of film under the guidance of industry professionals.

Is this something for my students?

BFI Film Academy courses are suited to students who show creative flair and a passion for film. They are a pathway for young people from all backgrounds to take a first step towards a career in the industry through practical learning opportunities.



Network courses

Students who have an interest in film but are unsure which area is for them could be directed towards the BFI Film Academy's shorter Network courses, offering first-step filmmaking skills.

Courses offer a minimum of 40 hours of training to each student and are run from September 2018 and February half-term 2019. They can be delivered at weekends, in the evenings and/or over half-term times in accessible and welcoming venues and at times to suit young people.

Further information on Network courses is available at www.bfi.org.uk/fa-network-courses.

Residential courses

BFI Film Academy Residential courses are intensive programmes of one to two weeks that immerse young people in a film specialism. They give students the chance to develop their skills in a specialist discipline and will appeal to those who show aptitude in a particular area.

There are seven courses on offer for 2018/19 in the following disciplines:

Course	Delivery organisations	Location	Course dates	Application deadline
Stop-Motion Animation	Calling the Shots	Bristol	Residential 16-22 February 2019	Monday 3 December 2018, 17:00
Animation and VFX	Film and Video Workshop in partnership with Blinkink	London	Introduction day Saturday 26 January 2019 Main residential Sunday 17 to Saturday 23 February 2019	Monday 3 December 2018, 17:00
Documentary Filmmaking	VividEcho and CTVC	London	Introduction weekend 19-20 January 2019 Main residential 17-23 February 2019	Monday 3 December 2018, 17:00
Screenwriting	Tyneside Cinema	Newcastle	Introduction weekend 26-27 January 2019 Main residential 18-22 February 2019	Monday 3 December 2018, 17:00
Craft Skills – England	National Film and Television School	Buckinghamshire	Writer's weekend 8-9 December 2018 Introduction weekend 9-10 March 2019 Residential 7-18 April 2019	Screenwriting: Sunday 11 Nov 2018 All other Crafts: Monday 21 January 2019
Film Programming & Audience Development	TBC - check website for news	Sheffield	Summer 2019	Summer 2019
Craft Skills – Scotland	TBC - check website for news	Edinburgh		

All residential course application forms can be found at www.nationalschoolspartnership.com/initiatives/bfifilmacademy/

What do students get from BFI Film Academy Residential courses?

During residencies, students will:

- gain insight into the film industry with masterclasses delivered by professionals
- have access to studio environments, workshops and film screenings
- receive career and development advice from industry insiders
- create their own short film, screenplay or film festival programme
- develop their teamwork skills with students who share their love of film
- become part of the Film Academy alumni network with access to ongoing support and exclusive events.

As well as an introduction to filmmaking specialisms, the courses develop a range of soft skills, giving students opportunities to work as part of a team, learn to network, build confidence in their own skills, and have fun in a safe, supportive environment.

How do I let students know about the BFI Film Academy courses?

Show the **BFI Film Academy Courses PowerPoint presentation** which contains a brief introduction to the BFI Film Academy courses for 2019/20. Any students who are interested could be given the **Student Guide to BFI Film Academy Courses** which includes full course requirements, dates and information on how to apply. It also outlines the content of each Residential course to help students decide which course might appeal to them. There is also a **BFI Film Academy Parent Letter** to hand out.

These documents can be downloaded and printed from www.nationalschoolspartnership.com/initiatives/bfifilmacademy/.

Do they cost anything?

Network courses: £0 to £25

One-week residential courses: £0 to £210

Two-week courses: £0 to £420 (this only applies to the two-week Craft Skills residential delivered by NFTS)

Don't let costs discourage them from applying! Bursaries are available for all courses and fees may be waived. There is also financial assistance available for travel and any other costs associated with attending. If they have the talent, the team will make sure they can attend.

How can students apply?

Applications for the Residential courses should be made directly to the organisations that are delivering the courses and are different in each case. Students should apply as directed on the provider's webpage. Details can be found online at www.nationalschoolspartnership.com/initiatives/bfifilmacademy/ or email us at filmacademy@bfi.org.uk

