

A Studio School for Rye

Creating unique opportunities for young people locally



What will the Rye Studio School specialise in?

Building on Success

Rye College is keen to take on a new and exciting venture as the sponsor of a Studio School in Rye. Studio Schools are innovative new State schools for 14-19 year olds with an emphasis on the world of work.

As the sister school of Rye College, The Rye Studio School will build on proven success in the visual and performing arts and enable students to gain the skills needed to succeed within the creative industries.

What courses will be available?

Courses being offered will include:

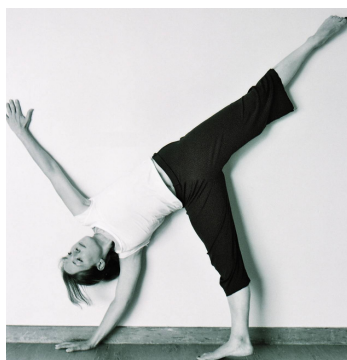
- lighting and sound engineering
- set design
- costume design
- web design
- film making
- animation
- broadcasting
- visual arts (drawing, painting, print making, illustration, photography)
- performing arts
- carnival arts
- music technology
- events management

The Rye Studio School

Students from Rye College will be able to transfer to the Studio School in Year 10. They will study Maths, English, Science and ICT plus a choice of practical, vocational courses. At the age of 16, they will be able to enter a job or an apprenticeship or they can progress their studies further into Years 12 and 13 at the Studio School.

Post 16 courses at the Studio School will include A levels as well as Level 2 and Level 3 vocational courses, leading to university or employment. At this stage, many of our students will be well prepared to set up their own businesses.

Students from other schools in Kent and in East Sussex will be considered for places in Years 10 and 11 and in Years 12 and 13.



Creating the future for Rye

How can employers get involved with The Rye Studio School?

You can get involved in our Studio School in a variety of ways, including:

- ✓ **Providing work placements and experience**

Our students will spend time in the work place (equivalent to 4 hours per week aged 14-16 and 2 days per week aged 17-19). The way in which this work experience is organised will vary according to our students' and employers' needs. We will work with local businesses to develop an approach that best suits their respective needs.

Our work in the classroom must be relevant to the workplace. To make our Studio School a success, we need your help in the following ways:

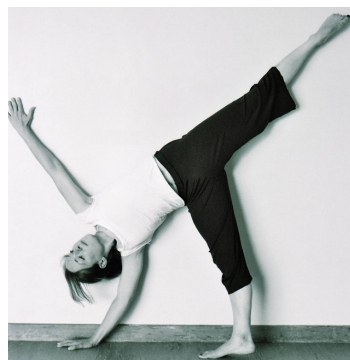
- ✓ **Involvement and input in developing the curriculum**
- ✓ **Help in designing a business brief for a project**
- ✓ **Help in tailoring qualifications to suit local business needs**
- ✓ **Using your business as a case study to develop students' knowledge of the working world**
- ✓ **Educational visits**
- ✓ **Sponsorship of projects**

Providing expertise

- ✓ **Provide feedback at the end of a project**
- ✓ **Help to market products**
- ✓ **Mentoring students**
- ✓ **Delivering sessions or master classes to students**
- ✓ **Training Studio School staff**
- ✓ **Providing guest speakers for events**
- ✓ **Delivering mock and real interviews**
- ✓ **Careers guidance**

Providing resources

- ✓ **Providing access to facilities for Studio School students**
- ✓ **Providing access to contacts and networks**
- ✓ **Providing materials for projects**
- ✓ **Providing prizes for events/projects**



Benefits for Businesses

Improve your bottom line

The first wave of Studio Schools nationally shows that business partners can improve productivity and competitive advantage by working with students.

Fill your skills gap

Every new survey of unfilled vacancies confirms that employers are looking for, and not finding, the key employability skills that are crucial to success in the workplace. Studio School students will have much to offer to any business. Our students will be adaptable, creative thinkers, capable of taking on a challenge and seeing it through. They will be self-confident, self-motivated young people who communicate well and are driven to contribute well to any team. These are some of the skills and attributes that local businesses tell us they need to flourish.

In addition:

- Employers can help to shape local education to their needs
- Working with a Studio School will help employers reach new audiences - new networks and business opportunities
- Employers can improve their local profile
- Potential research opportunities
- Employers can develop the skills of their current staff, particularly through the training and mentoring of Studio School students

How to support our application

Letter of support

Our application to set up a Studio School in Rye must be with the Department for Education by late February. Please write a letter of support for our application, saying how you think our Studio School will benefit young people in our local area and, if possible, ways in which you think your business might work with The Rye Studio School. Please let us have your letter

Please send your letter by **February 16th 2012** to: **Ann Cockerham, Principal, Rye College, The Grove, Rye TN31 7NQ** or email it to acockerham@ryecollege.e-sussex.sch.uk.

On line survey

Please also consider taking part in our on line survey to find out what skills local employers value most. It will all help our bid for the Rye Studio School! You will find this on our website: www.ryecollege.co.uk

Thank you for helping to create great opportunities for young people