

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS



Animation



This one-week course is ideal for any budding animator who wants to develop their traditional and digital animation techniques. Over the course of the week, you will understand the fundamental principles of character design, layout, story boarding and animation. Using cel and stop motion character animation, together with editing conventions you will learn how to produce animated sequences and stories.



WHAT'S INCLUDED



TUITION

25+ Hours tuition comprised of workshops focusing on practical skills and techniques working towards the production of a film clip.



ACTIVITIES

5 evening activities per week, designed to be fun and interactive and provide our students the opportunity to socialise and make new friends.



EXCURSIONS

Full day excursions allow students to really get to know the UK. We use major destinations such as London as a classroom, where students will find creative and cultural information through guided walks and visits to museums and other places of interest.



CERTIFICATE

Awarded for the successful completion of the course and final film clip.

LEARN FROM ART AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

This programme will give you the chance to study in central Cambridge in a fun and creative environment led by experienced tutors at CSVPA.

BROADEN YOUR SKILLS IN THE INDUSTRY

Through workshops, individual and group projects and practical tasks, you will become acquainted with the skills and knowledge that will serve as a perfect starting point for future education and possible careers in the animation industry. Throughout the course you will become familiar with storyboarding, collage and cel animation along with relevant software such as Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Animate and Dragonframe.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS IN:

Storyboarding | Character Design | 2D cel animation | Keyframe animation | Stop Motion

PROGRESSION AT CSVPA

Completion of the course can enable progression on to our University of the Arts London Awarding Body Extended Diploma or Foundation Diploma if you meet the UAL entry criteria for the course.

COURSE OUTCOMES

You will learn how to construct a narrative using storyboarding and character design techniques.

You will explore how to make an animated sequence using the latest Adobe software and Dragonframe stop motion software

Expected class size
6-12 students

Accommodation
Single en-suite room
Meals are included (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
Excursions are also included

Requirements
Age: 14 - 18

International students should have at least an Upper Intermediate level of English

Start Dates:
Sunday 28th June 2026 (1 week)
Sunday 5th July 2026 (1 week)
Sunday 12th July 2026 (1 week)
Sunday 19th July 2026 (1 week)

Programme Outcomes

1. You will learn how to construct narrative using storyboard and character design techniques
2. You will explore how to make an animated sequence using the latest Adobe software
3. You will be introduced to 3D modelling using Sculptris and/or Blender

SAMPLE PROGRAMME

Week A	08:30-09:30	MORNING 09:30-12:30	12:30-13:30	AFTERNOON 13:30-16:30	16:30 - 18:00	EVENING 19:30-22:00
Sunday	Arrival, induction and campus tour				DINNER	Evening Activities
Monday	BREAKFAST	Introduction and icebreakers.	LUNCH	Bouncing ball animation.		Park Social Time - City View Ferris Wheel
Tuesday		Introduction of After Effects and simple animation.		Anchor points, timing, and complex compositions.		Bowling /Ice Skating / Rock Climbing
		Intro to stop motion.		Group project.		
		Presentation using plasticine and models.		Create a model or character and attempt to walk and interact with other characters.		
Wednesday		Introduce camera and Dragon Frame.		Create hand-drawn animations of a character.		Talent Show / Trashion Show/ Tie Dye Arts & Crafts
		2D frame by frame animation.		Scan/shoot animations and learn how to import in After Effects.		Cinema / Punting
Thursday		Animation principles: facial expressions and walk cycles.		Draw storyboarding ideas.		
Friday		Presentation of animatics.		How to use a light box.		CSVPA Disco / Dance Party
	Breakdown of storytelling techniques.	Create Film Clip				
Saturday	Included Full Day Excursion: London (including gallery or museum visit and shopping time)				Free Evening	
Sunday	Departure					

Sample timetables are illustrative only. We reserve the right to make changes without notice.