

### **Access to Architecture Portfolio Preparation Summer School, what you need to know:**

We hope that you are passionate, committed or just plain curious about a creative life designing buildings for the future. But how do you know that architecture is the right choice for you? None of the subjects you study at school quite prepare you for the experience of using your creative talent to design for the future. Is it the right choice? And if it is, what and where should I study? I know it is one of the most popular subjects so is it difficult to get a place? How do I make sure my passion stands out above everyone else's? And when I get there what will it be like? Do I need to be good at Maths or Physics or Art or.....?

Access to Architecture aims to help answer your questions. We want you to get good advice about studying Architecture, to experience what it is like being a first-year student spending the best part of your time developing your creative talents in the studio, to get a flavour for the subjects that underpin Architecture, to help you stand out. Because Architecture revolves around your personal creativity, most of all schools of Architecture want to see a portfolio of your work and we want to boost your design portfolio. All the activities you will do over the three days on Access to Architecture will provide more material for your portfolio and give you pointers about how to develop it further.

At our three day portfolio preparation summer school, we have a packed programme of mini-lectures, studio group sessions to improve your seeing and drawings skills, visits to buildings, mini-lectures and personal sign-up sessions where you can get advice about the best courses for you.

### **FAQs**

#### **Is this open to international students?**

Yes. This course is open to anyone aged 16 – 18, both home students and international. Please note however we do not provide accommodation, but we are able to recommend accommodation locally.

#### **Do I need IELTS?**

This course will be taught in English and we recommend that you have an IELTS score of at least 5, however we will not require proof of this.

#### **Is accommodation provided?**

There is no accommodation provided, however we can recommend a number of local hotels for a range of budgets. Contact the Short Courses support team to enquire.

#### **What will I need to bring on the course?**

Some materials will be provided on the course; we will publish a more details of this nearer the time.

#### **I'm over 18; am I still eligible?**

If you are outside the age bracket, you are still welcome to apply. Whilst the course is targeted at 16-18 age group, we understand it could be relevant to those outside this age group (for example overseas students). If you have any questions regarding this please do get in touch with us.

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