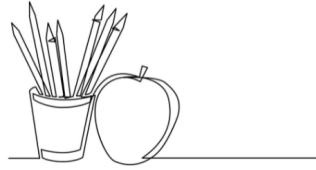


# WHY ARCHITECTURE?



## ARCHITECTURE IS A PHENOMENON, MIRRORING THE PEOPLE IT SERVES.

Architects and the clients they work with constantly redefine the way our buildings and civic spaces will be; that is an amazing challenge.

### QUALIFICATIONS & PATHWAYS TO QUALIFY AS AN ARCHITECT

#### GCSES

You will usually need a good base of well graded GCSEs including mathematics and English at grade C or above, and ideally a good range of arts and sciences. You don't have to study art necessarily, but ideally you should be interested in the subject along with design and technology.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE & OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

WS offer Work Experience opportunities for Students at Secondary School or Sixth Form College through our Work Experience Programme. For many Students, this is the first opportunity to be part of the Practice of architecture and we hope a great chance to find out what working as an Architect is like. The RIBA also offer workshops for young people during the school holidays – for instance, the RIBA's Skill Up: architecture workshops for young people 15-18 years old..

#### A LEVELS

Generally you will need three A-levels (ABB/128 UCAS Tariff points), which should all be in academic subjects. You should always check the requirements of Schools of Architecture you are interested in applying to as requirements may differ – for example some courses require maths or a science at A-level. Taking an art foundation course will also help if you do not have an art or design qualification. Many Schools of Architecture also recognise qualifications such as BTEC National Diplomas.

#### DEGREE PATHWAY

You will need to study and pass a course validated by The Royal Institute of British Architects [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com) at a recognised School of Architecture. These courses combine academic studies and professional experience.

##### Part 1

3 Years University undergraduate degree  
1 Year paid & recorded practical experience – the "Year Out in Practice"

##### Part 2

2 Years Diploma or MA  
1 Year paid & recorded practical experience

##### Part 3

Final qualifying examination – candidates need 24 months of recorded practical experience, CV and career evaluation, case study, written examination, and final oral examination.

#### APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY

Apprenticeships combine practical experience in the workplace with academic training provided by a university. The Institute for Apprenticeships has now approved two apprenticeship standards for delivery. The two standards are:

**Architectural Assistant Apprenticeship:** Full time working for an Architectural Practice and 4 Years Part time at University, which achieves Part 1 qualification

**Architect Apprenticeship:** Full time working for an Architectural Practice and Part time at University, which achieves Part 2 and Part 3 qualification

WS are very proud to be the employers of one of the first 6 Architectural Assistant Apprentices in the UK and we are very pleased that this means another of our employees is studying at London South Bank University.

#### Some of the student work carried out at WS:



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