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## Creative students showcase ambitious work at interactive event



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Students at Richmond upon Thames College displayed their hard work and creativity at a recent showcase.

The event brought together students from various creative disciplines including art, dance, music, and theatre.

Taking place at the historic Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham on Friday, June 12, the showcase included a display of artworks by Level 3 students, live music and dance performances, an interactive exhibition, and work from media students.

It also featured a new student adaptation of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, performed in the gallery's Grade II listed Octagon Room.

The event marked the launch of the *Visionaries and Imagination* exhibition, which runs at Orleans House Gallery from June 12 to July 12.

In attendance were Deputy Mayor of Richmond Councillor Matthew Wherry, college Principal Gavin Hughes, and Vice Principal Kai Barnes.

Jo Terrell, Head of School for Creative Arts at Richmond upon Thames College, said: "Back in 2021, the very first group to exhibit consisted of around 12 students. Five years on, it's fantastic to see how far we've come, now taking over the gallery and presenting the scale, ambition, and quality of student work on display today.

"None of this would be possible without the commitment, creativity, and resilience of our students. They should all be immensely proud of what they have achieved, well done!"

International Dance Supplies, Hampton Hill Theatre, Uxbridge College and Hounslow Arts Centre supplied the sets, costumes and props. Construction students also helped to build the sets for the showcase.

Acting student O'shai Linton said: "During the Orleans House event, I was thrilled to see all the students from the creative industries within the college showcasing their amazing work. It was great to see what everyone has been working on this year and the vibe was amazing. I really enjoyed myself."

**Note to editors:** Following a merger in 2023, HRUC (Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges) has rapidly evolved into a thriving educational hub with three colleges and a strong apprenticeship provision.

The diverse and aspiring college group now serves nearly 15,000 learners across west and south London, offering a range of courses, including A-Levels vocational programmes, T-Levels, and apprenticeships. The College group also proudly supports over 850 learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), providing tailored programmes and internships to help them thrive.