

# **Film**

"Learn your craft and get an idea of what everyone does on a film set."

Dave Arrowsmith, production designer

### Did you know?

Most people think about directors and camera operators, but there are many more jobs in production across the UK. The industry needs electricians for setting up the lights, carpenters and plasterers to build the sets, accountants to keep the books and people who enjoy law to negotiate the selling of rights.

#### The truth

The industry is competitive, and being able to stand out from the crowd is key. Having a degree isn't necessary when applying for jobs, but it can boost your chances.

There are limited apprenticeships in

film production but you might find some in post-production studios, where films are edited.

#### Be flexible

Choosing where to live is important as well. There are major studios in London and some in Scotland and the South East. Crews also travel a lot, working away from home for several months of the year.

#### Life experience

Think outside the box – gaining relevant experience in another sector can be a good idea as the film industry looks for people with transferable skills. There is no set way into a career in film. The department ladder isn't for everyone, and people often move between industries before returning to film.

#### Keep up

Technology moves quickly. Keeping up to date with the new equipment will help to keep you employable. Attend industry workshops and seminars and follow blogs to stay updated with new productions and what's developing.



### First steps

Look up your favourite films on IMDB.com to find out who directed, edited and produced them. Do you know what those jobs involve and how to get into them? Find out at screenskills.com/careers-in-film

## **Moving up**

Get out and film something with your phone, camera or your school's equipment. Learn about story, framing and editing. Put the film online and get feedback from friends.

## **Getting in**

Get to know people in the industry. Go to ScreenSkills events where you can meet professionals. Contact local companies and crew members for work experience.\*

For further information go to: screenskills.com/careers





