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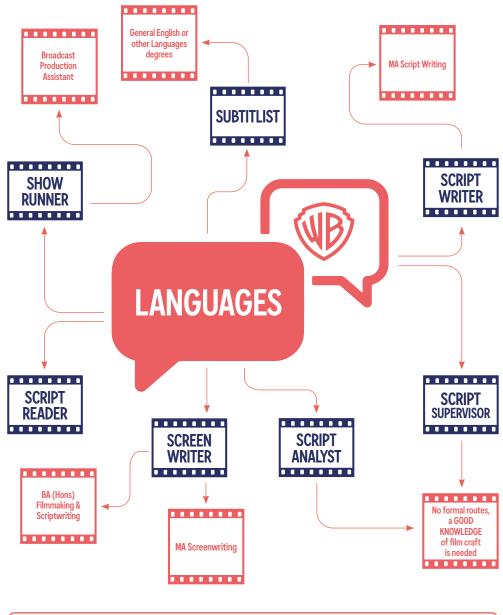
of different roles in the film industry that require a range of different

# SKILLS

In this guide, we break down the different jobs available in the industry by subject and skill in order to help you find a career best suited to

#### **CAREERS IN FILM & MEDIA**





A common route into one of these careers is via an English Language, English Literature or Modern Languages degree



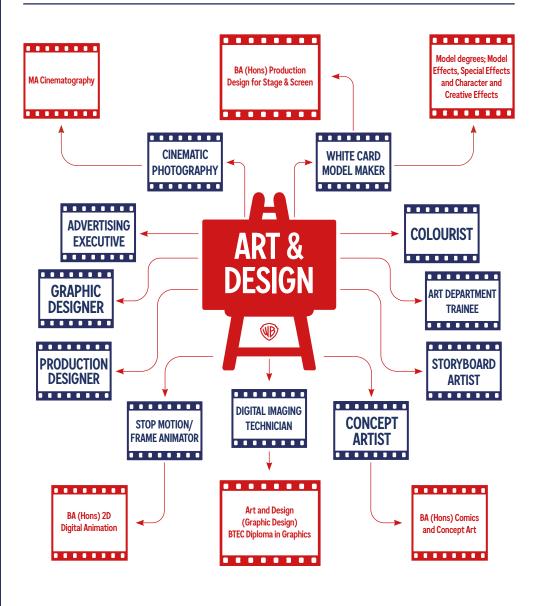
#### WHAT IS A SCRIPT SUPERVISOR?

A Script Supervisor is like the behind-the-scenes detective on a film or TV set. Their main job is to make sure everything stays consistent from shot to shot. For example, if an actor is holding a cup in their right hand in one scene, the Script Supervisor makes sure it's still in the right hand in the next shot-otherwise, the audience might notice!

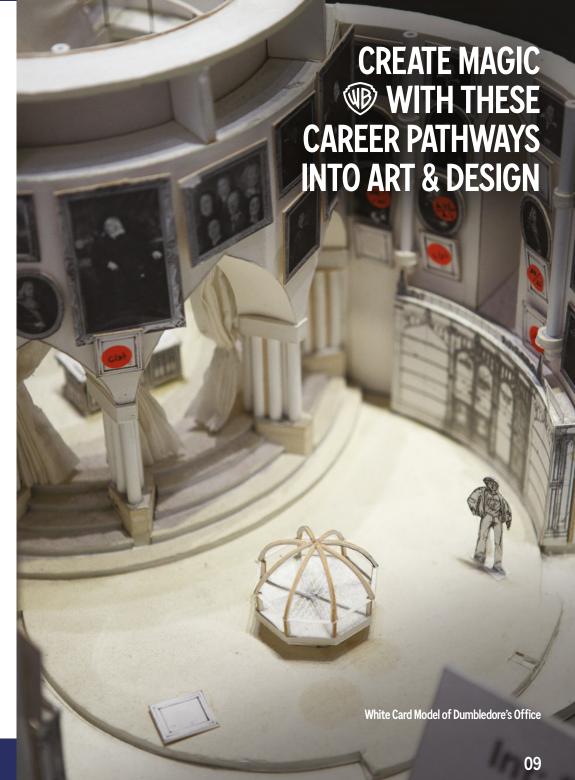
The best way to learn about filmmaking is by doing it. Remember to keep anything you create and any evidence of courses in a portfolio to showcase your skills later on.

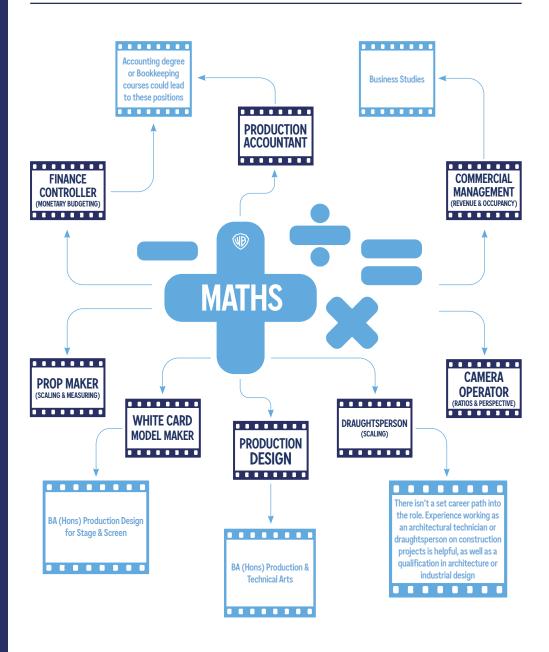
#### WHAT DOES 'CALL SHEET' MEAN?

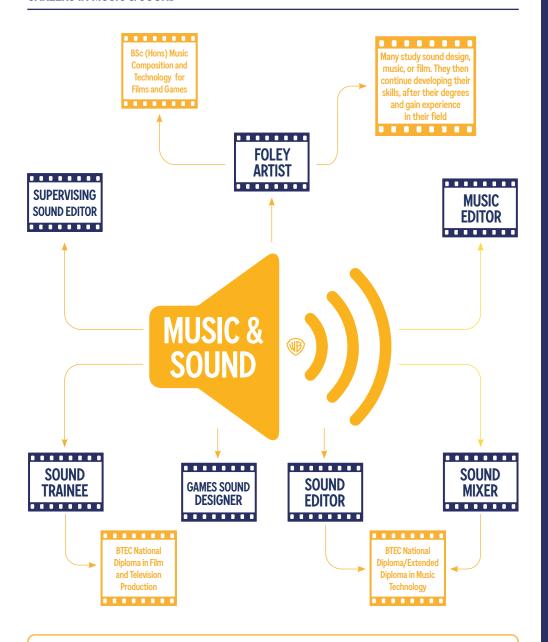
A call sheet is a daily schedule and essential information hub for a film production. It includes details like scene numbers, cast and crew call times, locations and contact information. Understanding how to read a call sheet is crucial for any crew member. Call sheets are vital for ensuring that everyone on set is on the same page and that the production runs smoothly.



- Art and design diplomas and degrees are great pathways in, as well as Film and TV Production and Photographic diplomas and degrees
- Apprenticeships are a great pathway into most of these careers







A good pathway into a career using music in media is gaining an MS Music and Sound for Film and Games



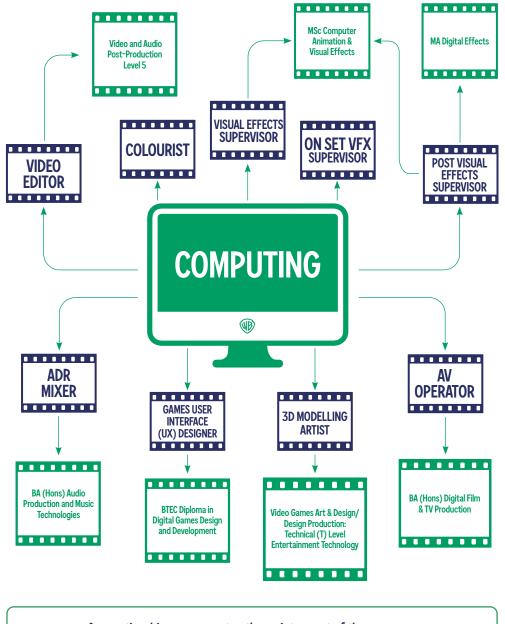
#### WHAT IS A ROTO ARTIST?

A Roto Artist works in visual effects (VFX) and helps create movie magic by carefully cutting out parts of footage so digital effects can be added. This process is called rotoscoping. For example, if a superhero is flying through the sky, the Roto Artist might separate the actor from the background so animators can add clouds or explosions behind them.

Top Tip: Network! Get to know people in the industry and talk to as many as you can. Show people you meet your portfolio/show reel. The more they see, the more likely they are to remember you, try and stay in contact if possible.

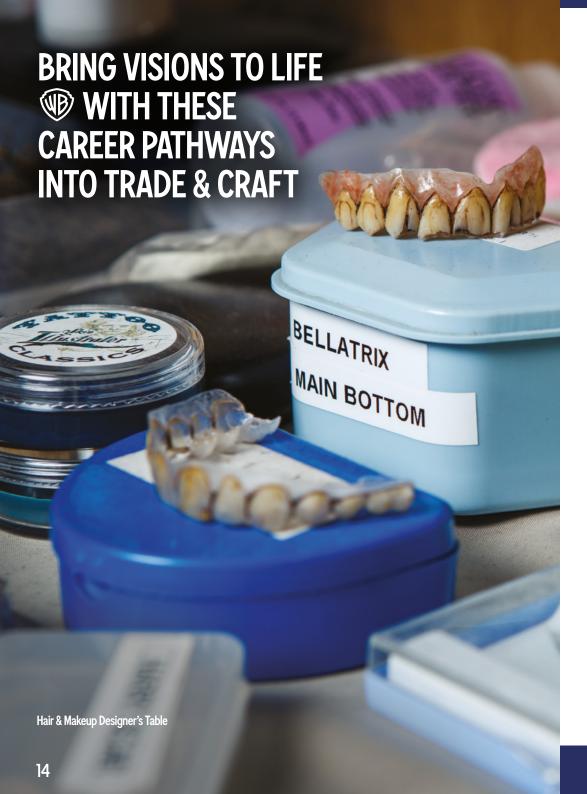
#### WHAT DOES 'FOLEY' MEAN?

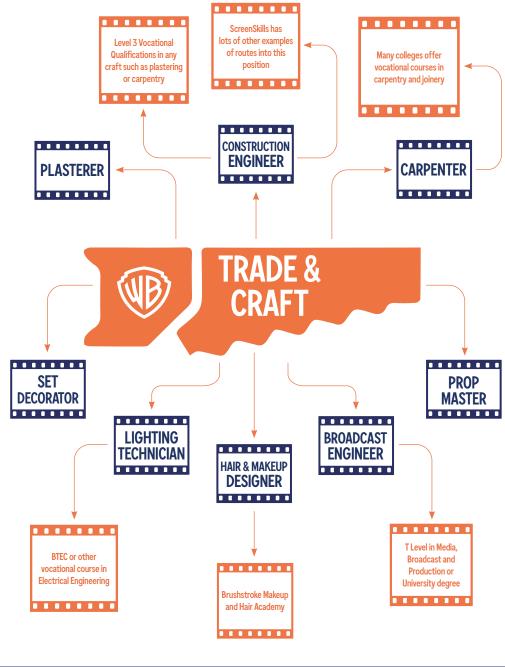
Foley is the art of creating sound effects for films, TV shows, and games using everyday objects. A Foley Artist watches the footage and performs sounds in sync with the action-like footsteps, rustling clothes, or breaking glass-to make scenes feel more realistic.



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#### **CAREERS IN TRADE & CRAFT**









#### WHAT DOES 'FINAL CHECK' MEAN?

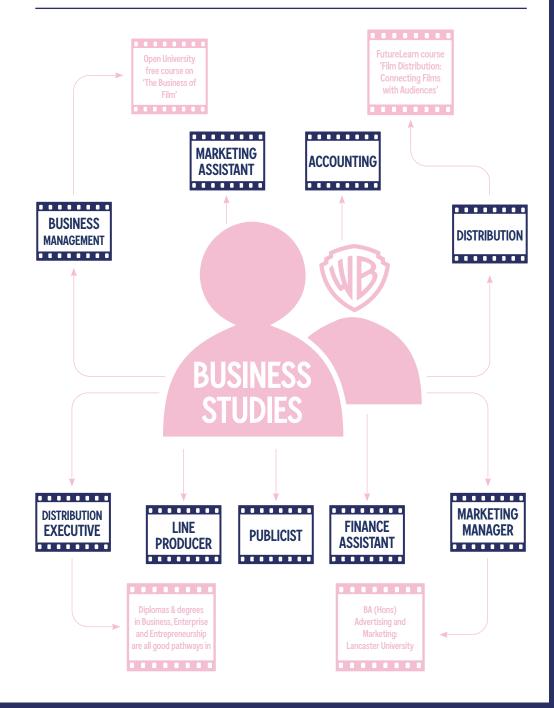
The first AD calls for 'final checks' or 'last looks' to ensure hair, makeup, wardrobes, and props are perfect before the camera starts to roll.

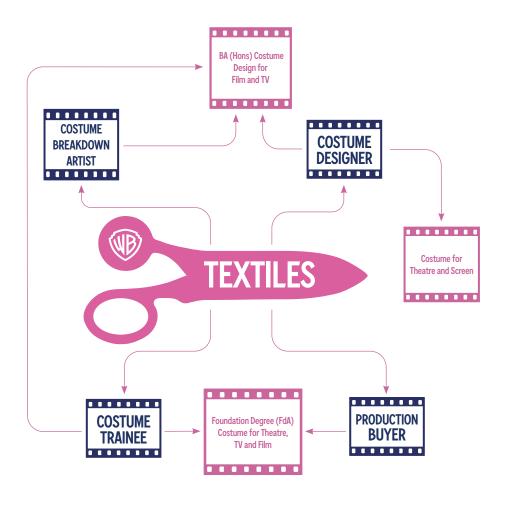
#### WHAT DOES 'QUIET ON SET' MEAN?

The 1st AD calls for quiet, and then 'picture is up' or 'rehearsal's up' to signal that the cast and director are ready to start filming.

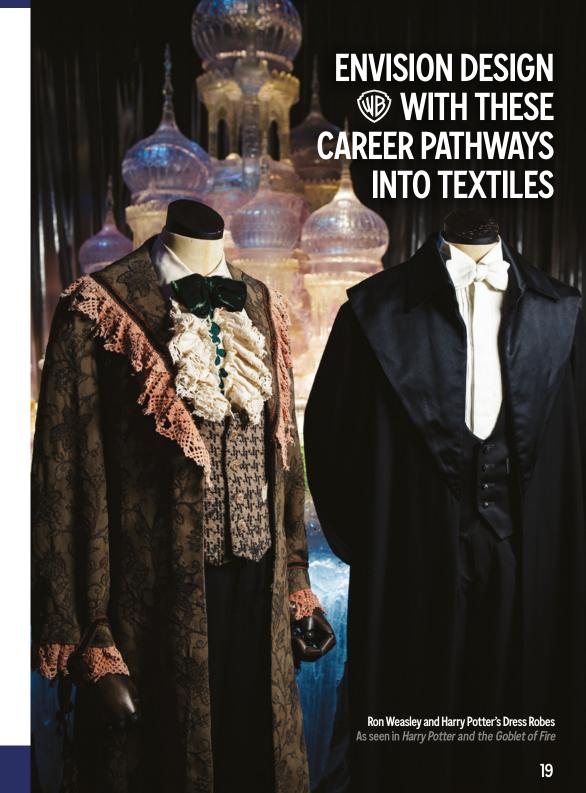
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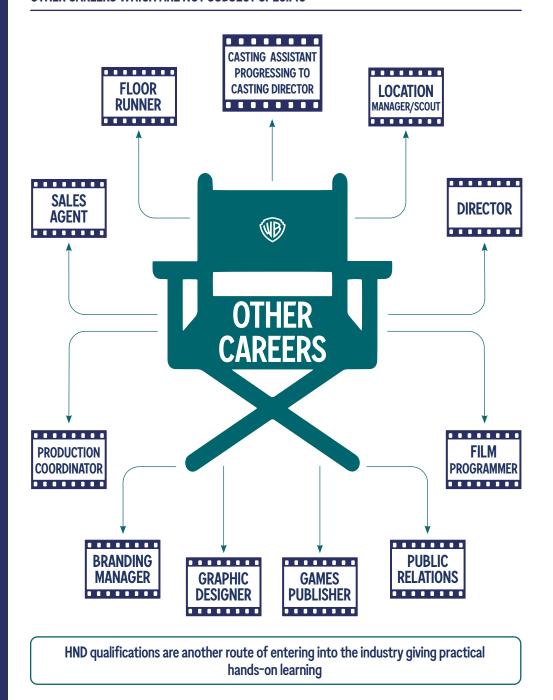
'That's a wrap' means the day's work is finished and the crew can pack down and make the set safe before leaving for the day.





- Volunteer with local theatre groups, ask for work experience at studios or approach university film and fashion departments
- A common career path for Costume Designers is to start as a Costume Assistant or Wardrobe Trainee and climb the ladder from there to Second Assistant Costume Designer and so on, without necessarily having higher education training







#### WHO ARE THE GREENS TEAM?

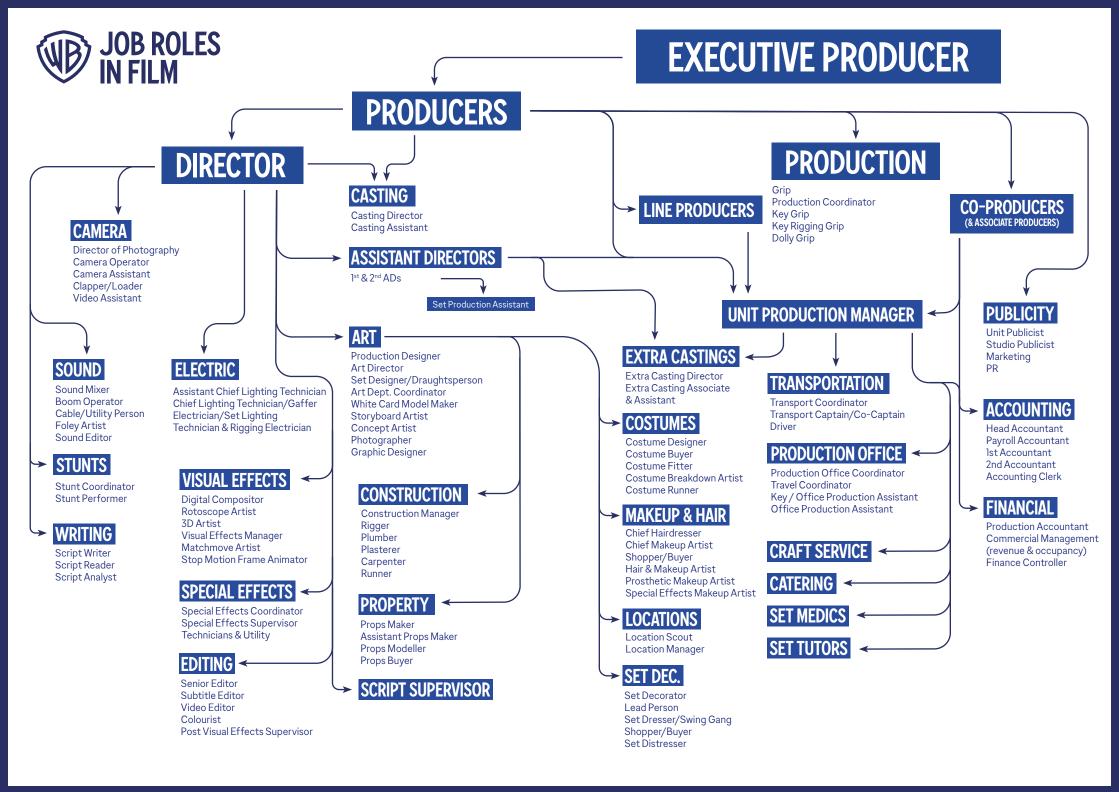
The Greens Team is responsible for all the plants and natural greenery seen in movies and TV shows. Their job is to make outdoor and indoor scenes look realistic, beautiful, and true to the story. They work with live plants, fake ones, and sometimes even build entire gardens or forests on set!

#### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE 1ST AD?

The 1st Assistant Director (1st AD) is the person who keeps everything running smoothly on a film set. They work closely with the director to plan the filming schedule and make sure each scene is shot on time. The 1st AD is like the organiser-in-chief—they tell everyone where to be, when to be there, and what needs to happen next.

#### WHAT DOES A STUNT COORDINATOR DO?

A Stunt Coordinator is the person who plans and manages all the action scenes in a film or TV show—like fights, falls, car chases, or explosions. Their job is to make sure these stunts look exciting and realistic, while keeping everyone safe.



# **GENERAL INFO**

WBD CAREERS careers.wbd.com

#### **CREWHQ**

crewhq.co.uk/Career-Information Warner Bros.' in-house training centre based at Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden.

BFI FUTURE FILM ACADEMY ALL AREAS OF FILMMAKING

#### FUTURELEARN.COM COURSE

'FILM DISTRIBUTION CONNECTING FILMS WITH AUDIENCES'

## T LEVEL INFORMATION ON THE GOV.UK WEBSITE

tlevels.gov.uk/students/subjects/ media-broadcast-production

### GENERAL UNIVERSITY COURSES INCLUDE:

BA (HONS) TELEVISION
BA (HONS) FILM AND MEDIA
BA (HONS) FILM STUDIES
BA (HONS) FILM AND TELEVISION

THE OPEN
UNIVERSITY DIGITAL
FILM SCHOOL

#### **ERIC**

meet-eric.com

Download the free ERIC app to
help you explore, up-skill and get
work in the creative industries.

#### **FUTURE LEARN**

futurelearn.com
They have the Digital Film School
and other courses.

#### **NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE**

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

Find further careers resources like CV and cover letter
guidance and a list of free training courses and education
advice for people with special educational needs or a disability.

#### THE BFI - THE BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

tlevels.gov.uk

T Levels are a post-GCSE vocational qualification
that include a 45-day industry placement.

#### **WEBSITES**

ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY HAS INFORMATION ON ENTRY LEVEL TRAINING

rts.org.uk/education-and-trainingpages/entry-level-training GENERAL CAREER INFORMATION AND JOB PROFILING

screenskills.com

# TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- Training programmes can be a great way to sample a taste of what the industry has to offer without committing to just one sector
- All Spring Media, along with many other companies, offer a host of training programmes and bootcamp sessions that can upskill and prepare any individual for a career in the industry. allspringmedia.co.uk/training

#### WARNER BROS. CREWHQ

crewhq.co.uk

CrewHQ trainee programme helps get your career started in film and TV production, with the opportunity to work on some of the biggest movies and franchises in the world.

#### NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE - SKILLS BOOTCAMPS

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course

#### THE SEVENUP PROGRAMME

- Four-week paid placements on Warner Bros. Television, HBO, and Warner Bros. Features productions.
- Designed to tackle barriers to entry in the film industry.
- Supports individuals with little or no experience in production.

#### **SCREENSKILLS**

screenskills.com

Provides information on creative industry roles. Offers free and paid training courses.

# **APPRENTICESHIPS**



















#### WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a job that combines paid work with structured training. In England, it's only officially recognised as an apprenticeship if it follows an approved apprenticeship standard.

- DURATION: At least 12 months, depending on the role and level
- SPLIT: 80% on-the-job training with a production company, 20% classroom-based learning with a college or training provider
- LEVELS: Ranges from Level 3 (GCSE equivalent) to Level 7 (Master's degree equivalent)
- ELIGIBILITY: Open to anyone over 16. No upper age limit. You can apply even if you already have a degree, as long as the apprenticeship offers new learning

Apprenticeships span nearly every department in film and TV production. Examples include:

- PRODUCTION: Broadcast Production Assistant, Junior Content Producer, Media Production Coordinator
- POST-PRODUCTION: Audio Recording Technician, Post Production Engineer
- VISUAL EFFECTS (VFX): Junior VFX Artist, VFX Technical Director
- ANIMATION: Junior Animator, Storyboard Artist
- ENGINEERING: Camera Prep Technician, Broadcast Systems Engineer
- PRODUCTION CRAFTS: Costume Technician, Props Technician, Scenic Artist

#### **WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY**

Offers apprenticeships in Production, Studio Operations, Marketing, and more through their Early Careers programme careers.wbd.com/uk-early-careers

#### WARNER BROS. STUDIOS LEAVESDEN APPRENTICESHIPS

wbsl.com/studios/about/careers

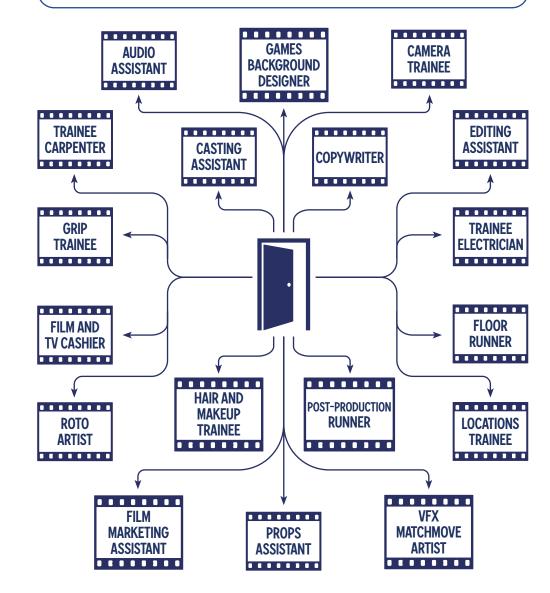
#### CREWHQ TRAINEE PROGRAMME AT WARNER BROS. STUDIOS LEAVESDEN

A standout opportunity for aspiring crew members:

- LOCATION: Leavesden Studios (home to major productions like Barbie and The Batman)
- INCLUDES: Two-week intensive training, networking, CV prep, and interview practice
- PAID PLACEMENTS: Trainees can interview for paid roles on active Warner Bros. productions
- SUPPORT: Travel and accommodation costs covered; no degree required

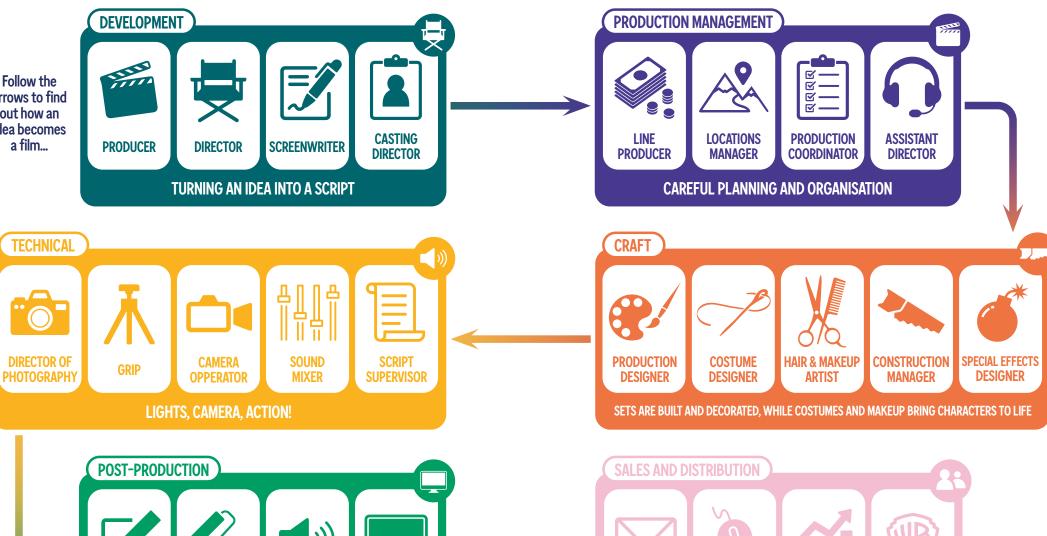
# **ENTRY LEVEL ROLES**

An entry-level job in the film industry is a beginner role that helps you learn the basics of how films are made, gain practical experience, and start building your network of industry contacts. These roles usually do not require previous paid experience in the industry.





Follow the arrows to find out how an idea becomes a film...







**Audience** (you and me)



# **FIND OUT MORE**



Warner Bros.
Studios
Leavesden

**WBD Careers** 





**WB** LinkedIn

**ScreenSkills** 





**WB CrewHQ**