

INTERIOR DESIGN ADVISOR : FURNITURE-MAKER : CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL : PIANO TECHNICIAN : CARPENTER  
BOAT BUILDER : INTERIOR STYLIST : (SHIP) INTERIOR CARPENTER : PRODUCT DESIGNER : WORK PLANNER  
HOME DECOR SALES REPRESENTATIVE : FURNITURE UPHOLSTERER : MANAGER OF HOME DECOR SHOP

CREATIVITY, CRAFTSMANSHIP

AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

MADE BY : HMC



# Profile of the HMC

The HMC (Vocational College for Woodworking, Furniture and Interior Design) is a small-scale, independent senior secondary vocational college which has been in existence since 1929 and which focuses on professionalism, creativity and entrepreneurship. We train both young people and older people for the woodworking and furniture sector and for the home and interior sector. In addition, we provide a number of training courses for small specialist professions, such as a creative professional and piano technician.

The HMC has teaching locations in Amsterdam and Rotterdam and is a relatively small college. As a result, the college has a personal character and a safe atmosphere. The teachers at the HMC have themselves worked in the field for years and some still do. Over the years, close contacts have been built up with the business sector so the training links well with the working practice and there is a wide choice of work placements for our students.

The sectors for which we offer training are also closely involved in the training. Members of the Supervisory Board and the advisory committees are representatives of the employers and employer organizations from the sectors for which the HMC offers training.

The HMC offers mainstream education (school-based pathway and training on the job pathway), on the grounds of the Act on education and vocational training (*WEB*). Furthermore, the HMC offers courses and training for employees in the sectors and a wide range of cursory educational routes for private parties.

# The education

## INSPIRING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Students who choose the HMC are for instance interested in designing and building interiors, furniture, homeware and fashion accessories. During the training courses, the students come into contact with well-known designers and visit various trade fairs, such as the world-famous furniture fair in Milan, where they can gain inspiration.

## ENTERPRISING APPROACH

Professionalism and in-depth knowledge of materials are other elements which all the students learn about. Working in the creative manufacturing industry requires an enterprising approach. Sales simulations and the business plan are examples of the way in which this is taught at the HMC. As well as learning in practice and theory at the college, all the students do a work placement with a company. Sometimes, the focus of the training course even lies on learning within the work placement company.





Experienced teachers pass on the art of the profession to new generations.



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## WORKPIECE-FOCUSED TRAINING COURSES

The training courses at the HMC are workpiece-focused. This means that during the courses, the students complete various assignments for internal or external customers. The final exam workpiece (the 'master's piece') is exhibited annually at the HMC final exam exhibition. Large numbers of parents, family members, work placement companies and sector representatives come to view the achievements of the students. The HMC also organizes masterclasses related to the final exam exhibition, during which designers and entrepreneurs inform people of the latest updates.



## GAINING INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Where possible, HMC students gain international experience, by means of visits to foreign trade fairs, a work placement abroad or by taking part in projects by the *Vliegende Meubelmakers* (Flying Furniture-Makers) foundation – HMC students make furniture in developing countries and also teach the local people how to make furniture.

## STUDENTS DO WELL

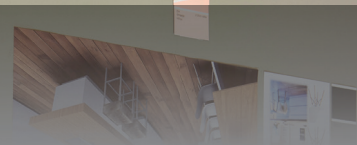
Research by the HMC itself has shown that students with a HMC diploma do well. A large number of them (about 40%) choose to do a related higher vocational study. The other graduates soon find work in the sectors or start their own company.







Taking part in the **Flying Furniture-Makers**,  
making furniture in developing countries.

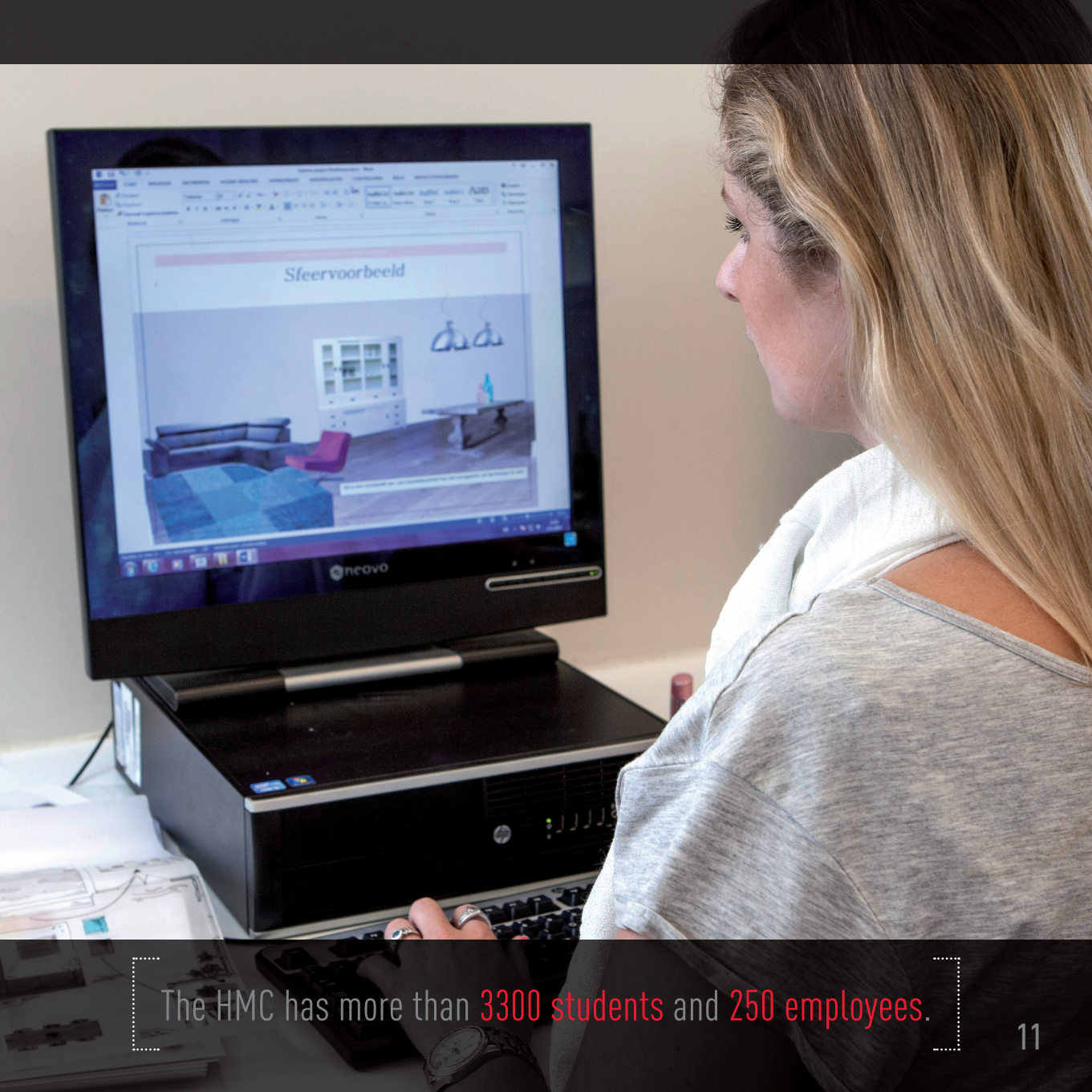




# Facts & Figures

- > The HMC has more than 3300 students and 250 employees
- > HMC students rate their course with the high mark of 7.5!
- > The HMC has been amongst the top 10 highest assessed colleges for years
- > More than 3000 work placement companies available
- > Safety and atmosphere at the college are rated with a very high 8
- > 30% of the students do a related higher vocational study
- > The HMC is one of the leaders with the lowest student drop-out rate





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The college culture is characterized by **personal attention**, commitment and focus on the sector.









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