

Art and Design

BTEC

Level 3

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Course overview

This double award vocational course is aimed at creative learners who have a serious interest in general Art and Design pathways. Over the space of two years, learners will be introduced to ideas development, visual recording and communication and different art and design materials and techniques. At the end of two years, learners will have built up a portfolio of creative outcomes, which often become more specialist as the course progresses.

Entry Requirements

You must have 4 GCSEs, which must include English or Maths at grade 4, plus you must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Subject Specific Requirements

Grade 4 in Maths or English GCSE plus a grade 4 in Art or Merit in Level 2 Art or Design BTEC.

Popular Subject Combinations

A Level: Photography, Film Studies, Media Studies, Design Technology

BTEC: Creative Digital Media (Digital Magazine Production)

Possible Enrichment Opportunities

Mural Group,
Arts Bronze Award,

What will I learn?

Over the space of eight units, you will learn the basics of visual recording and communication, how to embark and execute a creative process and become confident working with different materials and developing different techniques. Drawing, painting, ceramics, textiles, graphic design, illustration, printmaking and photography are just some of the areas covered. As you progress through your second year, you will have the opportunity to specialise in a discipline.

How will I be assessed?

Eight units are undertaken over the space of two years, six are mandatory and two are optional. Three of the mandatory units (visual recording and communication, critical and contextual studies and developing and realising creative intentions) are externally set and assessed by the exam board and are time-bonded. These units amount to roughly 45% of the overall qualification.

The other 55% is comprised of the remaining three mandatory units (the creative process, materials, processes and techniques and developing an Art and Design Portfolio) and two specialist optional units.

Where might it lead?

Upon completion, learners will be armed with an array of practical art and design-based skills. Importantly, they will also have a portfolio which can be used to access higher or further education. Learners will also be able to access art-based apprenticeship schemes.

If you would like further information about this course please contact the admissions team at

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