



# Art & Design

## BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

The Extended Diploma is a level 3, two year practical course which is equivalent to 3 A Levels. The course is studio and workshop based and will prepare you for a specialist art career.

### Overview

During the early stages of the course you will experiment with a variety of materials and techniques, including drawing, painting, printmaking and photography. You are encouraged to adopt an experimental and open-minded approach to your work to develop ideas and to solve problems. The later part of the course concentrates on the skills needed for your chosen specialist area and develops your confidence in communicating ideas, opinions and creativity.

### Key Topics

Experimenting with a variety of materials and techniques including drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, graphic design, fashion and textiles, 3D design and sculpture. You will then specialise in one of the following broad areas: 3D design, textiles, fine art, lens-based media, graphic design or illustration.

### How will I learn?

Through research, group work and independent study.

This is a hands-on, active course, and learning will be based on a series of project briefs and through exploring different materials and media.

### Where can I go after the course?

Careers: Graphics; Fine Art; Illustration; Fashion; Costume Design; Ceramics.

Further Education: Art Foundation Degree Courses; Higher Level Art Degree courses.

### Entry Requirements

Standard 6th Form entry requirements.

It is preferred that students have a minimum of a GCSE grade 6 or BTEC Merit at Level 2 in this or a related subject.

You must have a portfolio of evidence to document your creativity.

Equivalent to 3 A Levels.

### Assessment

Work is assessed through a combination of externally set assessments and portfolio briefs.

Students will also produce a Final Project for the compulsory specialist units which will be externally assessed.