

## **SCHOOL FOR CREATIVE STUDIES**

### **ART & DESIGN BTEC NATIONALS LEVEL 3**

#### ***Is this the right course for me?***

This course is for you if your ambition is to follow a career in art and design after your secondary education. You will be introduced to a broad range of art and design subjects before deciding which art and design specialism you would like to follow at higher education level. The BTEC Nationals allows you to achieve a full level 3 qualification in Art & Design. The course is run over 2 years and allows you to achieve a National Certificate in the first year and up to an advanced National Diploma in the second year. You could then apply for a place at university, or if eligible complete the BTEC Foundation Diploma (Level 4)

#### ***What will I need to join the course?***

You will need to demonstrate at interview your enthusiasm for art and design and bring along with you a portfolio of work which includes drawing, 2-D and 3-D studies, photography, sketch books and work which shows your own personal interests.

The Nationals in Art & Design is a vocational qualification, can be the equivalent of up to 3 A levels. You need to be at least 16 years of age on entry and have at least 3 GCSE passes at grade C or above, preferably including English Language.

If you are an independent mature student without the required formal qualifications you will need to demonstrate that you have a basic level of education to enable you to complete the course. You must also be prepared to bring to interview recent work which demonstrates your enthusiasm for the subject.

#### ***What will I be doing?***

You will be following a programme which will offer a wide range of experience of Art and Design practice, including Fine Art, Graphic Design, Photography, Three Dimensional Design, Fashion and Textile Design.

Your work will be project based; in the first term you will be introduced to studio based and workshop activity including all the above areas. During the second and third term you will undertake projects that will allow you to be able to specialise in one or two areas of art and design. The second year allows for increasing specialism in an art or design based area such as Graphic design, Fashion and Textiles, Fine art, Three-dimensional design, Animation, Illustration, Photography and many other specialist areas.

The full qualification requires you to study 18 units over the 2 years.

#### ***Functional Skills***

Through your studies you will be given the opportunity to improve and receive certification of Functional Skills in Information Technology and Communications. All Functional Skills are nationally recognised qualifications to improve not only your employability skills but also assist your application into higher education.

#### ***How long will the course last and what patterns of attendance are available?***

One year attendance will be required 4 days a week.

#### ***How will my progress on the course be assessed?***

By a range of methods which may include projects, assignments, case studies and course work. There will also be two specialist units which are externally examined. You

will be supported by individual tutorials where your progress can be discussed and help given.

***What does it cost?***

Tuition fees will be discussed at interview.

BTEC fee (over 19s only) will be discussed at interview.

Materials fee: TBA

***What will I achieve?***

On successful completion of the course you will gain a BTEC National Certificate.

***And the Future?***

This course, on successful completion, provides you with excellent opportunities either to enter employment as a junior designer. You could progress to a Foundation course (Level 4), or into Higher Education to study for a BA (Hons) depending on age.

***What should I do now?***

To be interviewed for a place on the course please obtain an application form, personally or by post, from Reception or Student Services and return to Student Services when completed. You will be contacted in due course.

If you have any queries please call **The Advice Centre on freephone 0800 854 695.**

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