



Core technical qualification

BTEC Level 3 National Extended certificate in Art and Design

What will you be learning?

This is a practical Level 3 course for students with a real enthusiasm for art and design who are seeking a career in this growing and exciting industry. This course is ideal if you wish to experience a wide range of art and design disciplines

On our art and design course we will challenge your creativity, providing you with the technical abilities and innovative thinking required to solve problems and produce original, exciting work. Developing specialist skills in both 2D and 3D formats, you will experiment with drawing and painting, numerous forms of printing, ceramics, 3D Design and textiles. Your learning will take place in our new Studio School facilities.

Methods of assessment

Assessment is through coursework projects. You will be formally assessed on the coursework you submit and your progression will be monitored on a regular basis using various different methods such as peer assessment, presentations, homework and interim project grades. Assignment submissions are the main method of assessment for this course and you will work towards producing a professional portfolio plus a final exhibition of work at the end of the course. This qualification is equivalent in size to one A Level.

What are lessons like?

You will take part in formal lessons, demonstrations and practical workshops but you will also take part in activities such as live projects, working with local artists/employers, work experience, visits, trips and talks.

How does this differ from A Level Art and Design?

You will be working from briefs set by staff and our professional artists. There is less emphasis on drawing and more focus on the design, planning, production and evaluation of your work. You will be given opportunities to visit artists, galleries and work on actual 3D commissions on the school site and in our local community.

How will we work with employers and the community?

Specific people who work in the industry (artists, gallery owners, etc.) will be involved in special briefs, bringing their experience from the industry to help students learn how it is in “real life” art professions.

We will put on exhibitions both at QEstudio and surrounding venues, which students will organise, promote and run.

Where can this pathway lead?

There are many opportunities available to students with creativity, practical skills and innovative ideas. The course provides students with the necessary skills and creative knowledge required to progress into employment or higher education at either HND or Degree level.

Apprenticeship: There is the opportunity to undertake a ‘Design Course Apprenticeship’ with employers in the local area subject to availability.

Employment: The creative thinking skills and practical art skills you gain will also allow you to progress into the world of employment in areas such as advertising, graphic design, interior design, media, fashion and teaching to name but a few.