

ART AND DESIGN

FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is designed to prepare you to progress to art college or university to study an art subject at degree level. It provides a diagnostic experience for students to explore a broad range of art and design practice.

In term one you will follow a balanced range of activities designed to promote skills and ideas relevant to general art and design. Practical assignments and workshops will introduce you to fine art, graphic design, illustration, 3D design and sculpture, fashion, textiles, photography and IT.

The second term will allow you to develop your individual skills and interests and to select a specialist area of study, with advice and guidance from your tutors to help you make the right choice. During the third term you will work independently to produce a final major project within your chosen area.

WHAT NEXT?

This course is an accepted qualification for entry into art college or university, with students going on to study a range of related subjects including architecture, fine art, illustration, photography, graphic design, visualisation and animation, product design and fashion and textiles. University destinations range from Bath Spa, Bournemouth, Falmouth and Leeds College of Art to Nottingham Trent, Oxford Brookes, Portsmouth, University for the Creative Arts and the London College of Fashion.

It is also excellent preparation for those wanting to enter the industry and employment. You will benefit from a lot of specialist guidance and support from within the Department as you consider your future options.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework 100%

DURATION

1 year (full-time) or 2 years (part-time)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Aged 18+ with four GCSEs at grade C or above, and at least one A Level to include an Art & Design subject. Mature students with experience will be considered on merit.

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

COSTS

Purchase of portfolio and materials, plus optional visits to exhibitions.