

# Visual Arts and Design

## BTEC Level 3 Extended DIPLOMA in Art & Design

### *What will I learn on this course?*

During the first year you will have wide-ranging and balanced experiences in major areas of visual arts and design providing a solid foundation for you to move forward. You will gain experience in all major areas of visual arts and design such as drawing and painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, digital arts, fashion and textiles. Some of the core units will focus on visual recording in art and design; materials, techniques and processes in art and design; ideas and concepts in art and design; communication through art and design; and contextual influences in art and design.

### *How is the course structured?*

The course is structured to enable you to undertake 17 units that build into the Level 3 Extended Diploma and is equivalent to three A levels. It is delivered through assignments and projects utilising different learning and teaching styles such as teacher-led demonstration, independent student-directed visual research, and skills development workshops. You will undertake collaborative projects with arts professionals and with our partners such as schools and galleries and you will undertake a number of visits to exhibitions, artist spaces and museums. Additionally, there will be opportunities for you to undertake community arts projects. There are 'open studio' times which you can use for individual experimentation and development of personal ideas and techniques

### *How will I study?*

In our purpose-built state-of-the-art facilities we are able to offer a first-rate environment for the study of visual arts and design. We have facilities for textiles, ceramics, photography and three-dimensional design, fine art studios and a Mac suite with the latest art and design software such as Photoshop, Illustrator and Premiere Pro. Added to this excellent setting is a superb set of departmental tutors making what we believe is a unique environment for the preparation of tomorrow's artists, designers and visual communicators. Studying at BOA will enable you to develop your skills and ideas whilst benefitting from working in a dedicated arts environment. Working with arts professionals is a core part of the ethos of BOA - you will have the opportunity to work with designers, curators, fine artists and filmmakers through workshops, visits and collaborative projects. Approximately 14 hours per week is spent in your Visual Art and Design Pathway.

### *How will you be assessed?*

The course is continuously assessed throughout the year; this will take the form of self, peer, interim and final assessment. This course is excellent preparation for a BA (Hons) Degree in specialised visual arts and design areas such as Visual Communication, Fashion Design and Fine Art, or relevant employment such as in graphic design. Incorporated in your course are opportunities for work experience in relevant environments. The preparation of a personal portfolio for interview is catered for and you will receive guidance and advice on interview techniques and on applying for higher and further visual art and design study.

