

## **BTEC National Art and Design LEVEL 3**

The BTEC National in Art and Design is a vocationally related course. Recent changes to the BTEC specification means that we are currently running two different types of course within art and design.

***For those students registered on the course from 2015***, we offer the Certificate, Subsidiary Diploma, 90-Credit Diploma and Diploma at Level 3. The course aims to develop the learner's ability in Art and Design. BTEC Nationals in Art and Design are fully coursework based meaning that work is mainly practically based with some elements of written work.

As part of the course you will gain practical and theoretical knowledge in a broad range of specialism's, these include drawing, painting, graphic design, two and three-dimensional design and art history as well as guidance in building portfolios, preparing for interviews and future careers in the art and design sector.

### **What aspects of art will I study?**

The ***Certificate*** course consists of 2 mandatory units and 1 specialist unit and is equivalent to one AS Level.

- The Mandatory units include
  - Visual recordings in Art and Design
  - Materials, techniques and processes in art and design
- 1 Specialist unit will also be taken

The ***Subsidiary Diploma*** course consists of 4 mandatory units and 2 specialist units and is equivalent to one A-Level.

- The Mandatory units include
  - Visual recordings in Art and Design
  - Materials, techniques and processes in art and design
  - Ideas and concepts in Art and Design
  - Communication through Art and Design
- 2 Specialist units will also be taken

The ***Diploma*** course consists of 5 mandatory units and 7 specialist units and is equivalent to two A-Levels.

- The Mandatory units include the four listed above alongside the following;
  - Contextual influences in Art and Design
- 7 Specialist units will also be taken

All units are internally assessed and graded by subject specialists to meet the criteria set by the examination board. An overall grade for the qualification is awarded to all learners who successfully complete all units. Grades awarded are Pass, Merit or Distinction.

**For those students registering on the course from 2016**, we offer the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Art and Design. This is a one year, double option, course which is equivalent to one A-level at the end of the course.

As part of the course students will gain practical and theoretical knowledge in a broad range of specialisms, these include drawing, painting, two and three-dimensional design and art history as well as guidance in building portfolios, preparing for interviews and future careers in the art and design sector.

**What aspects of art will I study?**

The ***Extended Certificate*** course consists of 3 mandatory units and 1 specialist unit and is equivalent to one A-Level.

- The Mandatory units include
  - Visual recording and communication (examination)
  - Critical and contextual studies in art and design (examination)
  - The creative process (coursework)
- 1 Specialist unit will also be taken

The course will begin with coursework units, supporting students in developing the skills needed to assist with the examination process. There are both written and practical elements to the examination units and both units are assessed by Edexcel.