

# ART AND DESIGN BTEC Extended Diploma

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Arts	BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design	Level 3	Edexcel

## Course Summary

The programme is designed for young people aged 16 – 19 to prepare them for future study, through a broad-based curriculum. The course allows students to gain knowledge and experience in a range of art and design disciplines.

## How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 18 units, five of which are compulsory and the remaining thirteen linked to specialist options. Each unit is assessed using a range of methods including written assessments, presentations, discussions, sketchbooks and practical activities. Assessment is continual and grades achieved throughout the two-year programme are tracked and used to determine the final course grade.

## Entry Requirements

This course is designed for learners with 5 GCSE passes (or relevant equivalent) one of which needs to be in a creative subject (i.e. art, graphics, textiles etc.) and one in English. All applicants will be considered on an individual basis based on results and following a successful interview where students will be expected to present a portfolio of work demonstrating their creative talents. Students are required to be self-motivated and to take a degree of responsibility for their own learning.

## How much time will I spend on the course?

The course consists of 18 units that are delivered through a series of practical sessions, discussions and presentations. The course is a full time programme consisting of a series of taught sessions (timetabled hours in college) that are usually spread over 3 1/2 days and self directed study covering the remaining 1 1/2 days.

## How is the course taught?

There are a variety of methods including practical sessions, a series of lectures and visiting speakers (where appropriate). Students are required to work both individually and as part of a team.

## Where is the course taught?

The course is currently delivered on the Bromsgrove campus in the Art department. The department consists of a series of classrooms and specialist workshops.

## Who is this course suitable for?

Anyone with an interest in a career in art and design.

## What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need to be prepared with writing and some basic art materials consisting of a range of pencils 6H – 6B, charcoal, scissors, 3 sketchbooks (preferably ring-bound, varying sizes are available from A5 and A2, the size of which will depend on individual preference) pencil sharpener, eraser, scalpel (with addition blades) a glue stick, a set of brushes and a small partitioned tool box in which to store and transport materials, this must be labelled with students name to prevent loss or damage. Depending on chosen specialist requirements for the course will change. However in year one, the general art and design materials listed above will provide students with adequate equipment for the first two terms. Cost above will amount to approximately £40.00.

## Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

Students will be asked to pay £100-00 at the start of year one and £75.00 at the start of year two (non refundable).

Year One Breakdown of costs.

£25-00 – Induction trip.

Depending on the relevance of future exhibitions within the academic year, students may also be expected to attend up to two additional trips each costing on average £25 per student.

£25.00 – Portfolio/holdall and A3 folder with sleeves for contextual studies.

£50.00 – Specialist equipment used within the department including printing inks, plaster, MDF, photographic materials, clay, paints, paper, sculpting materials and some adhesives.

It is advisable to wear old clothes to all practical sessions as materials used, may stain or damage clothing.

\*You may be able to get help with the costs from the College's Learner Support Fund. More details are available from the Student Advice Guidance and Support team (01527) 572691.

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## What are the mandatory modules or units?

- Unit 1 – Visual Recording in Art and Design
- Unit 2 – Materials and Processes in Art and Design
- Unit 3 – Ideas and Concepts in Art and Design
- Unit 4 – Communication through Art and Design
- Unit 5 – Contextual Influences in Art and Design

These units provide the necessary foundation skills to achieve on the course. They give students a creative working methodology on which to build future aspirations.

The remaining thirteen units are selected from a broad range of specialist units and are dependent on an individuals' specialist focus. The full range of units are listed in the course handbook and outlined during induction week.

## What can I do after this course?

Students achieving the full qualification may progress onto level 5 Foundation Degree, HND or BA (Hons) course within their chosen specialist area.

## What careers would this course be useful for?

The knowledge and experience developed within the course can be useful when seeking employment in within a range of creative careers. Qualifications and experiences may lead to individuals becoming Freelance Artists, Graphic Designers, Community artists, Product Designers, Spacial Designers, Photographers (Commercial, Fine Art or Fashion), and Fashion Designers, but to name but a few. Opportunities are diverse depending individual interests.

The creative thinking skills gained on the course are also transferable to a range of job areas.

## How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to complete and application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post. Alternatively you can complete the form on-line by visiting the College's website [www.ne-worcs.ac.uk](http://www.ne-worcs.ac.uk) .

Once we have your form we will invite you to come into College and meet with a member of our teaching Team so you can ask any other questions you have. Usually at this meeting we will either offer you a place on the course you have applied for or, in some cases an alternative course.

## Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.