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| Art & Design | BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art & Design | Level 3 | Edexcel       |

## Course Summary

The BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art & Design course is 1 Year Full Time or 2 Years Part time and based at the Bromsgrove Campus

The primary aim of the Foundation Diploma is to educate students to make informed decisions which will facilitate their progression (primarily, but not exclusively) to appropriate higher education in art and design. The Foundation Diploma course in Art and Design builds on the students' prior experience. Skills already acquired are linked with ideas and challenges, which extend students' critical independence and enable them to demonstrate a full understanding of the application of art and design, relevant to progression opportunities and career choice.

The Level 3 elements of the programme aim to develop the student's ability to challenge their own preconceptions, to analyse, reflect on and review their progress within the context of art and design and to increase their personal independence in developing ideas and extending their skills in using materials, techniques and processes.

The Level 4 elements of the programme aim to develop the student's capacity for in-depth enquiry, autonomy, critical analysis and initiative in exploring ideas and adapting media, while bringing the scope of their study to an ambitious and coherent conclusion.

## How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 7 units. Units 1-6 at Level 3 and Unit 10 at level 4. To achieve the whole qualification, a student must achieve a pass for all of the units. Units 1-6 are achieved at Pass only. Unit 10 is graded Pass/Merit/Distinction. The grade for Unit 10 constitutes the final qualification grade.

## Entry Requirements

At 18, 1 A Level and 3 GCSE's at Grade C. At 20+, appropriate experience and motivation, plus a portfolio of work which demonstrates evidence of having a standard which will enable the student to benefit from the course. Applications from mature students are particularly welcomed and will be assessed on an individual basis.

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

Full time students are expected to spend a minimum of 18 hours on campus. In addition to this, project work will be developed in their own time. Access to workshops outside of taught time is positively encouraged. Part time access is negotiated on an individual basis around fixed core units.

## How is the course taught?

There is a variety of methods including practical sessions, visiting speakers, educational visits, group and project tutorials.

## Where is the course taught?

In specialist studios on the Bromsgrove campus

## Who is this course suitable for?

Individuals seeking progression onto this qualification could be:

- students who have completed an Advanced GCE in Art and Design course of study and now wish to build a portfolio of work and further develop the critical, intellectual, technological and creative skills necessary for successful entry into higher education art and design
- students who have completed a package of a Advanced GCE in Applied Art and Design and/or AS GCE and now wish to build a portfolio of work and further develop the critical, intellectual, technological and creative skills necessary for successful entry into higher education art and design
- students who have completed either of the above and are seeking progression into appropriate employment opportunities
- mature applicants who wish to prepare a portfolio and develop the skills necessary for entry into higher education art and design or who wish to develop further skills for personal use and show evidence of aptitude for this qualification.

## What are the mandatory modules or units?

- **Researching, Recording and Responding in Art and Design**
- **Media Experimentation in Art and Design**
- **Preparation and Progression in Art and Design**
- **Information and Interpretation in Art and Design**
- **Personal Experimental Studies in Art and Design**
- **Unit 6 Extended Media Development in Art and Design**
- **Unit 10 Final Major Project in Art and Design**

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## What can I do after this course?

This intensive course will prepare you for interview and entry into higher level courses.

## What careers would this course be useful for?

All career pathways within Art & Design.

## What materials do I have to provide?

Students are expected to have a personal collection of art & design equipment and sketchbooks/visual journals which will vary according to their specialist area of study.

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

£100 enrichment fee.

## How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to complete an 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 for interview with a portfolio of your Art & Design work.

## 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.