

Level 2 Extended Certificate in Art and Design Skills

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 2 | **Campus: Leek** | **Subject Type: Creative Arts, Film & Media**

Course Overview:

Providing a rich and immersive experience for aspiring artists and designers, this course aims to develop your creative skills through a diverse range of projects and workshops. Students explore various mediums, techniques and concepts in art and design; from drawing and painting to digital media and sculpture, learners develop their creativity and technical skills under the guidance of experienced practitioners. With an emphasis on experimentation and personal expression, students are equipped to pursue further studies or enter the creative industries with confidence and a portfolio of work showcasing their talent and vision.

What's Covered:

This exciting course provides an introduction into a creative industries career, catering to both traditional art, craft and design and media. It includes development of drawing, 3D, compositional and presentation skills; which are important to any creative student. The course offers key art skill development through fine art, print, photography, fashion & textiles, graphics and concept art.
A key area students will develop is their 'create-tec' skills.

As well as developing your creative skills, you will be encouraged to learn more about the history of key subject areas and key artists and designers. The course takes one year to complete if you are studying full-time. To achieve the BTEC Certificate you need to obtain a Pass or above in all coursework units to achieve the full qualification.

You will continue to improve your Maths and/or English skills in structured lessons alongside your course and Maths and English will also be integrated into your main course programme.

Entry Requirements:

You will have two GCSEs at grade 4 or above plus a good portfolio. One of the GCSE's must include an art & design based subject. This can include Art & Design, Photography, Graphics, Textiles, Product Design or BTEC Craft. However, if you have a keen interest in the subject and commitment to succeed, your entry requirements will be discussed at your course discussion appointment.

If you do not have a minimum GCSE grade 4 for Maths / English you would study these as a part of your timetabled study programme. These structured weekly sessions will help you to improve your skills in these vital subject/s. In addition Maths and English development is integrated into practical course sessions and assignments.

Assessment Information:

You are continuously assessed throughout the course both formally and informally. Assessments take the form of an individual display of work, which is assessed and evaluated by the staff that teach you. The results are available for discussion and advice about how you might best progress on the course. Your overall qualification is designated a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £30,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

Full, successful completion of the course along with hgh levels of attendance and a grade qualifies you to apply for our Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art & Design. You should also have passed Maths or English at grade 4 or above if retaken with us.

The course also enables you to produce a folio of 2D or digital work, to support direct applications to employers.

What else do I need to know?
We will provide you with basic art and design materials such as paper, pencils and charcoal, however, you will be given an additional materials list which will be needed to complete the course. We also go on both local and national trips to the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Liverpool Tate, Manchester Art Gallery, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Bradford Museum of Science and Media, for which you would be asked to pay a small contribution. Students are expected to work independently at times as part of their programmes, both inside and outside college. On successful completion of the course, students will receive a certificate in BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Art and Design Skills.

How do I find out more?

For further information, please email: info.leek@nscg.ac.uk