

Extended Diploma in Animation and Concept Art

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Stafford** | **Subject Type: Creative Arts, Film & Media**

Course Overview:

Animation is increasingly being used to promote products and services across various platforms from movie title sequences to mobile devices. If you want to hone your creative skills and seek employment in the ever-changing and dynamic creative industries, this full full time, two-year programme is perfect for you.

What's Covered:

This course will equip you with the necessary skills to enable you to apply both traditional and digital techniques in a series of projects and workshops designed to replicate the industry.

You will develop practical, animation and concept art skills used within the industry and develop your knowledge and abilities through a range of mediums including: Digital Concept Art, Digital Animation, Figure Studies, 3D Modelling and Animation, Traditional Art Application, Character Design, Storyboarding, Traditional Animation and Stopmotion Animation.

You will also learn how use Adobe Photoshop, Autodesk Maya, Toonboom Harmony and Dragonframe as well as have practical sessions in traditional drawing.

These practical skills will be backed up with sessions in ideas generation and Art Theory.

Students from this course have gone on to have successful careers within the industry at companies like Weta Digital, ILM and The Frame Store and have even won Oscars for animation at Disney.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of four or more high grades at GCSE in subjects relevant to the course you'd like to study, including maths and/or English Language at grade 4 or above. You will also need GCSE grade 4 or above in an Art-related subject and/or a good portfolio.

Assessment Information:

You will be assessed at regular points throughout the year as you complete each task within a unit of study. You will receive formative written and verbal feedback from highly experienced course staff.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 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

100%

pass rate

72.2%

achieved DMM+ in 2026

Progression:

Students on this programme can go on to study Animation and related subjects at HE level, or apply for a higher apprenticeship.

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact Mark Cruxton, Course Leader, by emailing: mark.cruxton@nscg.ac.uk