

Photography

BTEC Level 1 & 2 Tech Award in Art & Design Practice

What will I study?

The qualification is the same size as a GCSE and is ideal if you are interested in developing your skills and finding out about future career opportunities. You will explore some of the key areas within the creative industries, learning how to address the needs of clients by ensuring that your art and design work meets the requirements of a creative project brief.

In the first year you will start by working on **Component 1 (Generating Ideas in Art and Design)**. This is a chance to explore a wide range of artists/photographers/designers and use their work as inspiration for your own. You will explore the ideas generation process informed by investigation and exploration. The project is a really fun way to start exploring ideas, learning key skills and preparing you for the final task in Year 11. You will be responding to a brief requiring a specific final outcome. In Photography, you will be learning the rudiments of Portraiture through the process of understanding a range of camera skills and digital manipulation techniques. You are able to explore a range of desired outcomes through either traditional print based or something more installation based if you find you are more suited to a Fine Art Photographic style.

Component 2 (Develop Practical Skills in Art and Design) is completed across Year 10 and Year 11. You will follow a technical brief to produce a specific outcome. This will be broad enough to allow for a range of different skill sets. Having developed a sound understanding of camera and technical skills in Component 1, you will go on to develop this and your manipulation techniques further by exploring a more abstract light based project. Light drawings and light graffiti is always a popular choice but you will find your conceptual knowledge will have developed significantly from Component 1, allowing you to respond to the theme Light in an area that interests you most and plays to your strengths as a Photographer. You will then apply the development process using specialist materials, skills and techniques. You will continuously review and improve skills providing evidence as you go.

Component 3 takes place in Year 11. You will be provided with a client brief to which you respond with art and design work and a portfolio. There is a supervised assessment element to this which is completed over a 12 week period timetabled by Pearson.

How is the course assessed?

You will carry out tasks and projects throughout the course and your teacher will mark these, giving regular feedback. Towards the end of the course your knowledge will be assessed through a task that is set and marked by Pearson. Components 1 and 2 will be completed in Year 10 and Year 11. Component 3 will be completed in Year 11. The final outcome for the externally set task is completed in exam conditions within the classroom. Marks will range from a Level 1 Pass up to a Level 2 Distinction and you will be marked on all 3 components.

Which member of staff should I contact for more information?

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