

## Student Guide

### What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You would benefit most from a GCE in Applied Art and Design if you have one or more of the following:

- 4 GCSEs grades A\* - C which may include GCSE Art and Design at grades A\* - C
- other level 2 qualifications such as GCSE (Double Award) in Art and Design at grades AA-CC, Intermediate GNVQ in Art and Design or an Edexcel BTEC First Diploma in Design

### You should also have an interest in:

- learning about and applying the working methods used by professionals
- employment practice and the issues facing professionals working in the art and design sector

### What kind of student is this course suitable for?

You will enjoy this course if you are keen to:

- acquire the skills and language (including techniques and processes) needed to create, develop and present quality work
- understand the methods and principles involved in art and design
- identify and utilise primary and secondary sources
- see how different creative areas are inter-related and influence each other
- explore working methods linked to industry practice

You should be willing to work as an individual, or in a team or with clients, commissioners and audiences. You will be keen to undertake creative and reflective experimentation with media and materials so you can explore the communication process independently and improve your own work over time.

### Is the qualification structured like other GCEs?

Yes, the qualification has an AS/A2 structure. AS is short for Advanced Subsidiary. This is the first half of the Advanced GCE course. It is a stepping stone to the full Advanced GCE qualification. You can take the AS on its own, if you and your teacher agree that this is best for you. You can also decide at the end of the AS course to continue with the course and take the A2 units for the full Advanced GCE qualification.

You can study for:

- A Single Award AS GCE: Units 1, 2, 6
- A Double Award AS GCE (6 units): Units 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and a choice of either Unit 4 or Unit 5
- A Single Award Advanced GCE (6 units): Units 1, 2, 6, 9, 11 and a choice of either Unit 12, or Unit 13, or Unit 14
- A Double Award Advanced GCE (12 units): Units 1, 2, 3, and a choice of either Unit 4 or Unit 5; Units 6, 7 8 9 10, 11 and a choice of either Unit 12, or Unit 13, or Unit 14

### What will I learn about on this course?

In the AS units you will learn about:

- 2D/3D Visual Language - Unit 1
- Materials, Techniques and Technology - Unit 2
- Visual Communication and Meaning - Unit 3
- Working in 2D - Unit 4
- Working in 3 D - Unit 5
- Develop Set Ideas - Unit 6
- Produce Set Ideas - Unit 7

In the A2 units you will learn about:

- Personal and Portfolio Development - Unit 8
- Contextual Reference - Unit 9
- Professional Practice - Unit 10
- Develop and Produce Own Ideas - Unit 11
- Fine Art - Unit 12
- Design - Unit 13
- Multimedia - Unit 14

### How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed in a way that corresponds with working practices in the industry so you will have no written exams or assessments. You will be asked to complete a project brief set by Edexcel to a deadline. Your work will be assessed first by your teacher then an external moderator will review it on a visit to your school or college.

### What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

The GCE in Applied Art and Design qualifies for UCAS points so if you complete it successfully you could move on to study for a degree, Edexcel BTEC Higher National Diploma or Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. You could also go on to relevant employment.