



New Course & new opportunities through BSix College

Choose a pathway to success in Art & Design

1 year intensive art course leading to a full-time career

EDEXCEL BTEC LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN (QCF)

Why Study for a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design?

If you are a creative thinker, a maker, a communicator, an open minded individual who wants to explore and experiment, a person who enjoys challenge and debate, who also likes to take risks and try new methods and materials - the Foundation studies in Art and Design could be your next step.

The world of Art & Design has literally hundreds of possible career paths, which is a bewildering choice without the proper guidance and resources to make that important decision.

Our course is designed to help you identify the University course most suited to you and it helps you build the portfolio of work that helps you gain entrance to the University course of your choice.

How does the course run?

The philosophy of the course encourages students to experience a wide range of intellectual and practical skills, where each individual progressively takes control and tailors the course to their own needs, personal ideas and specialist direction.

The course begins with an exploratory stage, during which basic skills of drawing, looking and seeing, use of media, ideas development and colour are emphasised. At this stage you will concentrate on drawing and painting and simple 3D making. You then have the opportunity to undertake a broad range of projects, and to gain advice from staff on which specialist pathway you should follow from the strengths you have displayed. The second pathway stage provides focused teaching in one chosen specialist area of art and design i.e Fashion, Textiles, Fine art, Graphics or Three Dimensional Design. This prepares you for making applications to courses and provides opportunities to work with processes and equipment associated with that pathway

The final 'confirmatory' stage helps you write your own project briefs, as well as demonstrating you can manage your own projects and work independently. This stage provides confirmation of the right degree course choice, and is good preparation for degree level study. You will gain a BTEC Diploma award on completion of your Foundation course, in addition to developing the all-important University interview portfolio.

Why choose BSix College to study for the Foundation Diploma?

BSix College's Art and Design department is a relatively new, highly successful, dynamic and very student centred environment, staffed by teachers who are all committed practicing artists. The College's location is an exceptionally good place to study for any art and design student.

As a Foundation course student you are encouraged to develop your own understanding of the subject by visiting exhibitions and venues. The planned programme of visits to Galleries and Museums and major collections of art and design as well as contemporary exhibitions in central London, is complemented by the easy access BSix College has to the many, many independent spaces that make up the famous East London art scene. In addition, you will also have the opportunity to not only show your work in BSix's own art gallery space but be involved in its management gaining experience in the curating and organisation of exhibitions.

What we look for in our new Foundation students?

We look for individuals who can demonstrate their passion and commitment to art & design. An ability to work in a studio workplace atmosphere is also essential. We are not necessarily looking for students who know exactly what they want from a career in art and design - we are though most definitely looking for individuals who love their subject and will give their very best in order to start their career with energy and enthusiasm.....

Entry requirements: Students should be 18 or above

For a student who has completed an Extended Diploma in Art and Design: Merits or above

For a student who has studied A Levels: C or above in Art & Design

Students from either pathway will need a portfolio of work also