

Creative Media Skills (Photography and Media) Diploma level 2

Course Overview

This course is aimed at those who enjoy creative subjects and wish to start a career in Media, Photography, Journalism or Film, and want to gain a qualification equivalent to four GCSEs grade 4 or above. Our established Digital Media Department offers this course aimed at those who are interested in Photography and Media. It is a practical course and requires creative talent and a committed attitude. There is a strong emphasis on research, development, and evaluation. The course is a one-year full-time programme that leads to entry onto our range of level 3 Creative Media, TV and Film or Photography qualifications.

What you will learn

The modules in year 1 include the following: Film, Photography, Digital Editing, Digital Design Software, Personal Development, and A Creative Project. The first two terms deal with investigation, communication, practical skills, and production in the creative specialist media and photographic areas, plus personal development. In the final term you will progress your creative skills through the development and production of an extended response to a creative brief - here you apply the skills you have developed throughout the programme to produce a proposal and practical response to the set creative project. Learners taking this qualification study Four Units
A1 Skills Development - A2 Creative Media Project - B1 Personal Development - C1 Responding to a Creative Brief

Entry Requirements

Standard entry to this course requires one good reference. It is desirable that you can demonstrate above 90% attendance. English Language and a Media or Photography-related GCSE at grade 3 (D). Maths at grade 3 (D) or above is desirable. You will also require a portfolio of Media or Photographic work which demonstrates your suitability for your chosen course. If you are aged 16-18, you will be enrolled on a study programme, which will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in English and Maths, if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above. You will also be required to complete a work experience placement and an employability programme.

Course Fees

There is a potential trip fee of £20-£25. We will confirm this later in the academic year. Camera SD and Portable Hard Drives are recommended.

Course Progression

The successful completion of this course provides access to all our BTEC level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma in Creative Media Practice or Photograph (these are equivalent to three A levels). You will also be equipped with the skills and relevant knowledge to undertake junior roles within the art and design industry.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your qualifications and employment history, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a Welcome Event at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

Course Code	P00103
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	2

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