

### **COURSE LEVEL 3** | **BTEC National Subsidiary in Art and Design**

#### **WHAT IS DESIGN?**

The BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma has no external tests; the emphasis is on coursework only. The course is based around the idea that 'we learn by doing' and is designed to provide a specialist, work related Design qualification. The course aims to provide the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to prepare students for employment in the Design industry or higher education. The course gives the opportunity for students to build a creative portfolio.

#### **COURSE FOLLOWED**

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/art-and-design-2010.html>

#### **Year 1**

- Unit 1 – Visual recording in Art and Design - mandatory
- Unit 2 – Materials, Techniques and Processes in Art and Design – mandatory
- Unit 3 – Ideas and concepts in Art and Design - mandatory

#### **Year 2**

- Unit 4 – Communications through Art and Design - mandatory
  - Unit 42 – Design for advertising – optional
  - Unit 97 – Product Design - optional
- (Units 42 and 97 are examples of optional units that are professional specialist units – you may choose from a range of units to suit interests, talents, etc.)

#### **METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**

This course is the BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma in Art & Design. There are 4 core units that look at general design and art related issues and 2 optional units that will allow students to specialise in Graphic Design and Product Design disciplines. There are no external tests; all units will be internally assessed by the teacher. The National Subsidiary Diploma is a two-year course, the successful completion of which is worth 1 A Level at Grades A\*-E.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Grade 5 in GCSE Design & Technology or a grade 5 in Art – as part of 5 or more 9-5 grades or equivalent.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

This is ideal preparation for students who wish to choose a career in a design related occupation. The Level 3 BTEC enables progression to degree-level courses at university. Past students have gone on to follow degree courses such as Graphic Design, Product Design and Architecture amongst other disciplines of design. Others have gained employment in as junior designers and architectural technicians for example.



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