

# FOUNDATION DIPLOMA In Art & Design

Where will MV16 take you?



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# COURSE OVERVIEW

The Foundation Diploma in Art and Design at Melton Vale Sixth Form College, is a fast-paced, pre-degree course that encourages you to develop your curiosity and artistic ability in a specialism of your choice. Run through the University of the Arts, London, this course will enable you to learn a broad range of skills through experimental practice before tailoring the course to your specific interests and career aspirations, enabling you to build an impressive portfolio of work. The UAL Foundation Diploma in Art and Design is a pivotal qualification, which provides a transition from general education to specialist art and design education. You will gain 80 UCAS points for a pass, 96 for a merit and 112 for a distinction. This course is the preferred qualification for most art-based courses at university and will enable you to further develop your portfolio for progression to further study or employment. This creative programme will lead you to a creative pathway in a related field e.g. Fine Art, Graphic Design, Illustration, Surface Pattern Design, Fashion Design, Textiles Design, Costume Design, Decorative Artefacts, Product Design, Jewellery, 3D and Photography. You will have your own work space to decorate as you wish in our brand new purpose built studio and at the end of the year, your work will be displayed at our annual Art exhibition.

# KEY COURSE INFO

**Department:**  
Creative Arts

**Qualification Level:**  
3/4

**Duration:**  
1 Year

**Course Type:**  
Full Time



# WHY STUDY A FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN?



1 in 8 UK businesses are creative businesses



The majority of undergraduate art and design degrees require a level of specialist knowledge and skill that is not taught in secondary education. Many universities require you to study for an art foundation diploma before applying, although nowadays, most often won't specify it as an essential qualification.

No fees! It's free for students to enrol if you are Under 19 years old on the 31<sup>st</sup> August in the year of entry.

During the diploma you'll prepare a varied portfolio of work to help your university application.

It's also a great course to study if you know you have creative aspirations but need more time to figure out what area to specialise in.

Remember to check the entry requirements for any future course that interests you, as criteria will differ depending on the institution.

# WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE?



New statistics reveal the Creative Industries sector is growing more than five times faster than the national economy

# COURSE FEES

FAD is FREE if you are aged 18 and under on 31st August in the year that your study starts. Fees apply for all applicants aged 19 and over. Foundation Students at MV16 are expected to provide their own kit, paint brushes etc. We are fortunate to have an on-site art shop which sells all essential kit at excellent value.

The course is designed in three stages. The first is diagnostic in the sense that it exposes you to a wide range of artistic disciplines. The second stage allows you to refine your developmental work in a slightly smaller field of expertise based on your strengths from stage one. The final stage will see you write and complete a final major project. Throughout your programme of study, you will be set a series of projects that expose you to a wide variety of materials, tools and processes. These projects might be set over a number of weeks or completed within a single day. You will also experience working on group assignments. These projects will run parallel to a series of practical workshops in a range of media and contextual exploration. This includes, painting, printmaking, life-drawing, textiles, sculpture/3D, photography, graphic design and illustration. Through application of various media, you will explore alternative and innovative ways in which your project topics can be interpreted, often drawing on multiple disciplines at once.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above.

Two passes at A Level, or a vocationally relevant qualification, at grade C or above.

One of your A-Level grades must be achieved in an Art related subject.

A portfolio of work must be presented at interview for external applicants.



The creative industry exports £46bn in goods and services worldwide and accounts for almost 12% of UK services exports





# PORTFOLIO GUIDANCE

All external applicants who meet our entry requirements will be invited to a portfolio assessment. Your portfolio should include an assortment of your best work and may include examples of the following...

Finished and developmental outcomes that not only demonstrate your strengths but also the ability to experiment with a wide range of materials, tools and processes.

Development work, often in the form of sketchbooks. Demonstrating the way in which you investigate the work of others and use it to inform your own working practice and ideas.

Awareness of traditional and contemporary artists and designers.

Evidence of research, analysis and your personal response.

# STUDENT JOURNEY

**RESEARCH**  
MV16 and  
its surrounding  
location.

**APPLY** direct  
to MV16 via  
our website

**VISIT MV16**  
at one of our  
open events or  
at a time that  
suits you.

**ACCEPT YOUR  
OFFER!**  
If you've been offered  
a place it's time to  
celebrate and accept  
your offer from us

**PREPARE**  
for your interview.  
It's an opportunity  
for us to find out  
more about you,  
and for you to  
find out more  
about us.

## **HELLO!**

Enrolment for all new students is late August. We will develop an induction timetable so you can find all the support and services for you to settle into MV16 life.

## **WORK HARD, PLAY HARD**

Put 100% into your course, and reap the rewards.

## **ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL!**

All the hard work pays off. You will get a qualification to be proud of and progress onto a creative pathway of your choice.

## **GOOD LUCK!**

As MV16 Alumni we are always interested in where your creative journey takes you... you may even like to share your experiences with new students.

**YOUR FUTURE!  
THE POSSIBILITIES  
ARE ENDLESS!**

## **RESULTS**

If you're awaiting exam results, we will confirm your place in August



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