Harris Academy Falconwood
Enterprise, Science and Sport

BTEC National Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma (1 A level) or Diploma (2 A levels) in Art and Design

What are the aims of the course?

This course encourages students to develop skills and confidence working in a variety of Art and Design disciplines, including drawing, Graphic design, moving image, animation, painting, mixed media and fine art. Students also study elements of Art history, leading to an increase in subject knowledge to enable students to work towards completing a professional portfolio towards the end of the course. Students will develop an understanding of the world of work within the art and design industry, leading to applications for Art and Design foundation courses or Art related job applications.

What does it involve?

The Diploma course comprises of five mandatory units and five optional units (Professional specialist and specialist). All units are worth 10 credits, apart from one specialist unit which is worth 20 credits and is taught as a double module. * Indicates units which must be taken to complete the subsidiary diploma equivalent to 1 A level.

Core Unit 1 - Visual recording in Art and Design *
Core Unit 2 - Materials, Techniques and Processes *
Core Unit 3 - Ideas, Concepts and Processes *
Core Unit 4 - Communication through Art and Design *
Core Unit 5 - Contextual References

Professional Specialist Units:

10 - Personal and professional development*
20 – Application, Exploration and Realisation

Specialist Units:
38- Mixed Media Image making
76 - Generating Fine Art ideas
78 - Developing and Realising Fine Art ideas
79 - Multi disciplinary work in Fine Art *

How is it assessed?

All units are worth 10 to 20 credits each and contribute to the final assessment grade. The course consists of 100% coursework with no internally or externally set exams.

Are there any specific entry requirements?

The normal entry requirements apply for an Advance course (5 A*to C GCSE or BTEC). GCSE or level 2 in Art and design at grade C or above would be an advantage.

Why is it a useful qualification?

This course extends all students awareness of the world of work within the Art and Design industry, allowing students to develop independent design work and outcomes suitable for Art College applications as well as applications for Art related work experience and job interviews. The course allows students to develop their own personal areas of inquiry, analytical thinking skills, design skills and critical understanding.