

BTEC Tech Award in Art and Design Practice offered at Key stage 4

The Art and Design Practice Technical Award is designed to give students the opportunity to build a range of knowledge in either a Resistant Material or Textiles specialism, understanding and practical skills learners need to progress to further learning, and will also give learners an engaging and stimulating introduction to the world of art and design. Learners will explore some of the key areas within the creative sector, learning how to address the needs of clients and create art and design work that meets creative project briefs.

Over two years the course will be assessed using a combination of vocational assignments, practical tasks and scenarios.

What does this qualification cover?

Everyone taking this qualification will study two components, covering the following content areas:

Component 1: Creative Practice in Art and Design - investigating art and design practice to inform generation and communication of ideas and developing practical skills through exploration of specialist materials, techniques and processes.

Component 2: Responding to a Brief - applying art and design skills and techniques to develop a response to a brief.

There is no written exam at the end of this course.

What can the qualification lead to?

Once learners have completed the qualification, they will have developed a practical understanding of the art and design sector. Learners will have built useful skills, which are not generally covered in GCSE courses, and will have developed a good understanding of whether the art and design sector is for them, and if so, which part of it they might want to study further.

If learners decide to go on to further study in art and design, the best option will depend on the grades learners have achieved in this and the other qualifications they have taken, and what they enjoy doing.

Learners could progress to a Level 2 Technical Certificate or to a Level 3 programme, such as A Levels, a T Level or a BTEC National, either on its own or in combination with A levels. Whether learners are interested in developing skills in fashion design, creating and making new clothes and accessories, or creating characters and designs for animations and computer games, or graphics for books, magazines and advertising, learners will be able to explore and develop the relevant skills through this qualification.