

Creative Media Practice (TV and Film) National Diploma level 3

Course Overview

This is the first year of a two-year level 3 qualification and is (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels). Successful completion can lead to entry onto the Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels). If you have an interest in film and television, want to discover how to understand, plan, produce and present different moving-image products and are creative, analytical, and work effectively on your own and in a team then this is an ideal course for you.

Our Diploma in Creative Media has a specific focus on TV and film production. This includes every stage of the process from idea generation to editing. The course will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the moving-image industry. It will also give you all the skills you need to prepare for a career in this sector.

If you are aged 16-18, you will be enrolled on a study programme, which will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in 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.

What you will learn

During the course, you will learn to recognise, analyse and understand a wide range of film and television genres. Then you will produce your own moving-image products. These will include single-camera drama (short drama), music video, documentary, experimental Video and Promotional and Corporate Video.

Using professional HD video cameras, audio equipment, rig-rigs, specialist lighting and post-production software Premiere Pro and After Effects, you will gain relevant industry skills.

You will learn how to research, budget, plan, create, project manage and effectively work as a valuable member of a production team.

If you successfully complete year one, you can progress on to year two of the Extended Diploma level 3.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry to this course requires one reference. It is desirable that you can demonstrate 90% attendance. 4 GCSEs at grade 4 (C) including English is required. GCSE Media or Film studies and GCSE Maths at grade 4 (C) or above is desirable. An online film reel, social media profile or portfolio will support your application.

Consideration will be given to all applicants over the age of 19 who do not hold formal English and maths qualifications.

Course Fees

If you are 18 or above entering this course you may incur fees if you apply for entry on the first or second year of the programme. Please see our guidance on 19+ fees on our website.

There is an additional cost of £50.00 to cover the cost of external hard drive, colour printing and additional stationery items. You will need to cover these independently.

Course Progression

After completing this level 3 diploma you can progress on to the extended diploma in Creative Media Production (Film and Television), where you will be able to develop your skills and knowledge even further by studying a bachelor's degree, foundation degrees, or a higher national diploma in a variety of related subjects.

You may seek employment in the industry. You will have the necessary skills to gain junior positions with independent and corporate production companies. Possible positions available could be assistant camera operator, assistant producer, runner, assistant screenwriting, junior sound recordist, and junior video editor.

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	P00136
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	3

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