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THE
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COLLEGE

Steps to Vocational Specialism - Creative Media (Entry 3)

Location	Cheadle College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Foundation Learning
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	CFP-TFEC-1500

Course Overview

This course is designed for learners who are interested in developing skills in creative arts and media. It combines practical, hands-on learning with real-life experiences to help build confidence, creativity, and employability skills.

Students will work towards an Open Awards qualification in Skills for Further Learning and Employment, following a Creative Arts and Media pathway. This may include units such as Exploring Art, Digital Media, Taking Photographs, Producing 2D and 3D Art, and Creative Media Skills.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 2 or above including English and Maths

What You Will Learn

Learning takes place in a range of settings, including art studios, classrooms, digital learning spaces, and within the local community. Lessons are engaging and practical, allowing learners to develop their skills at their own pace. Students will experiment with a variety of materials, techniques, and digital tools to create their own artwork and media projects.

Alongside practical learning, students will develop communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through group projects, presentations, and creative tasks. Learners will also have opportunities to meet creative professionals, take part in workshops, and explore different careers within the arts and media industries.

Trips and visits are an important part of the course, including opportunities to visit galleries, museums, creative exhibitions, and take part in careers talks to gain insight into different roles within the creative sector.

The course is designed to support progress for all learners, with activities that build skills over time. Learners will complete a portfolio of evidence through practical tasks, observations, and projects to demonstrate their knowledge and achievements.

Throughout the course, learners will develop important life skills such as confidence, creativity, independence, and the ability to work both individually and as part of a team—skills that are essential for future education, employment, and everyday life.

On successful completion of the course, learners can progress onto higher-level Creative Arts or Media programmes, other Level 1 vocational courses, apprenticeships, or pathways into employment within the creative industries.

Assessment

Continual project-based learning is evidenced through practical application of vocational specific presentations, portfolios of evidence, speaking and listening and group discussion. Vocational learning within the curriculum department provides evidence of transferrable skills, such as communication, teamwork, resilience and customer care.

Progression

On successful completion of the course, students can progress onto higher-level study programmes, supported internships, or pathways into employment and independent living.

Career Options

Supported Internships

Graphic design

Website development

Creative arts industries

Apps and animation development

Mandatory Units

Personal Action Planning

Contact Details

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