

# ASPIRING ARTISTS



The Aspiring Artists programme is aimed at Art, Graphic Design or Photography. Students who aspire to continue their studies in the Art and Design field at university degree or foundation diploma level. The course will allow you to gain the kinds of extra-curricular experience and skills that will enhance your chances of gaining entrance to high quality Art and Design related courses.

Many students will embark on this course because of their enthusiasm and love for the subject area and their desire to gain a deeper knowledge of Art and Design.

### Who should follow the Aspiring Artists Programme?

To access this elective, you will need to be studying at least one of Fine Art, Graphic Design or Photography, or alternatively the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design.

### What activities can you expect to experience?

- Presentation of your project work both within College and to the wider community
- Support from specialist staff in preparing your portfolio for university applications
- Visits to local Universities and participation in practical activities
- Visiting speakers covering a range of Art and Design related disciplines
- Curating the external departmental exhibition including writing the catalogue, helping with artists' statements and publicising the event
- The opportunity to engage with critical and contextual studies to a higher level
- A range of exhibition visits covering all Art and Design disciplines
- Organising and running the departmental website, notice board of gallery and educational opportunities, and selecting and displaying the 'Art of the Week' nominees

### You will develop the following employability skills:

- Ability to communicate orally at a high level
- Perseverance
- Team work
- How to critically evaluate
- Independent working
- Invention and creativity

### What about Trips and Visits

Scheduled trips for 2016-17:

- Gallery visits
- Exhibitions
- Universities
- Practical sessions run by professional artists

### What will this elective lead to after SJR?

All of the skills and knowledge gained from the programme will support students in their application to study Art and Design related degree courses at university. The course is also suitable for students considering entry to a foundation course prior to applying to university. The Art department has an excellent record of student progression to Higher Education and last year our students entered university to study courses in a range of disciplines such as: Fine Art, Graphic Design and Digital Media, Photography, Fashion, Textiles, Architecture, 3D and Interior Design.





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