

# Aspiring Artists

## Elective



A specialist programme for those students intending to follow a career in Graphics or Art. You will have the opportunity to work with professionals through work on live briefs, gallery visits and artists in residence.

Trips to university departments and art galleries will widen your appreciation of the world of art. Opportunities to enter prestigious national art competitions such as the D&AD New Blood Awards will enable you to develop skills for the future.

### Who should follow the Aspiring Artists Programme?

To access this elective, you will need to be studying Fine Art, Graphic Design or Photography or alternatively 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

### What about trips and visits?

- Gallery trips
- 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 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.