



# Diploma in Art & Design

UAL Diploma and Extended Diploma Level 3

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## What is the UAL Diploma/ Extended Diploma?

It is a full time, 100% coursework, Art and Design course for students with a strong interest in the visual arts. In the first year students will gain the Diploma qualification and in the second year they will gain the Extended Diploma qualification. This Art and Design course is equivalent to 3 x A Levels. It can be studied alongside an additional AS/A Level course or a GCSE resit in either English or Mathematics if required. The course is designed and accredited by University of the Arts London (UAL) for students who wish to go on to study an Art & Design subject further. It equips students with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress to an Art Foundation course, degree level study and employment.

## How does it work?

In the first year, students complete nine units of work, covering a wide range of Art & Design disciplines:

**Units 1- 4** Developing skills in all areas of Art and Design

**Units 5-7** Completing projects in 2D, 3D and time based problem solving (animation and moving image)

**Unit 8** Specialist project resulting in an exhibition

**Unit 9** Opportunities for progression and development of employability skills (students undertake research into progression opportunities, creative careers, university courses and develop their professional profiles as artists/designers through work experience and live briefs).

During Units 1-7, students work with specialist tutors before selecting an area of their choice for their Unit 8 Project. Students are given guidance and support in order to select their specialist area.

## OUR STUDENTS SAY...

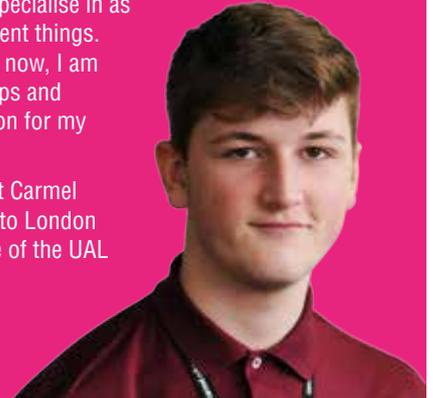
*I found the transition from High School to Carmel College to be a positive one, mainly because of all the new people I met.*

I couldn't be happier studying the UAL Art and Design Diploma course, because it has enabled me to develop new techniques and study in areas I have never touched upon before.

If you're thinking about a career in art, the course really helps you decide on which area to specialise in as you are able to study so many different things. From the beginning of the course to now, I am constantly taking part in different trips and activities that help me gain inspiration for my work and my future career.

After this course I hope to stay on at Carmel to study Art Foundation, then move to London to study fashion photography at one of the UAL universities.

**Christian Royle** St Cuthbert's  
Studying: UAL Art & Design Diploma



## How will I be assessed?

All UAL Diploma/Extended Diploma students are continually monitored and given feedback and assessment sheets.

Homework is set weekly and returned with helpful comments. Tutorials are offered regularly to help with all units. In order to progress on the UAL Diploma/ Extended Diploma students must successfully pass each unit and the final grade each year is determined by the final practical (Unit 8 or 13) which is studied in the selected specialist area. All units are assessed by the centre and then assessed by UAL.

## What support will I receive?

A range of supportive measures are designed for you to succeed. Lesson structure places great emphasis on teaching and learning and within Art and Design a one-to-one approach is very much in evidence. Lessons are only one aspect of course delivery. Individual tutorials enable students to discuss their progress in more detail. Homework provides the opportunity for a weekly assessment and feedback on progress, whilst unit feedback is more detailed. Opportunities exist for students to work in the studios over lunch, break times and after college.



Christian Royle

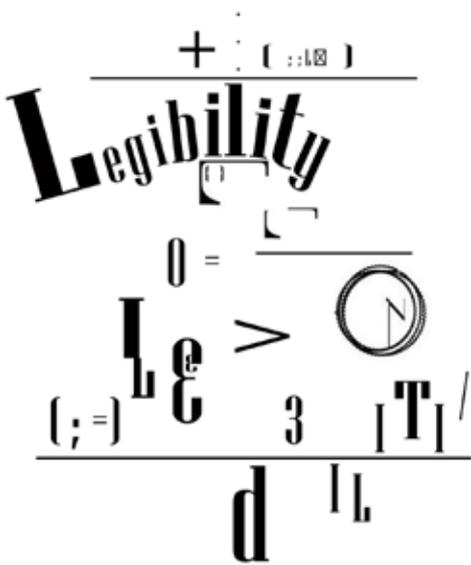
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*The Diploma allows me to be creative and to develop as an artist/designer.*

I have learnt a variety of different techniques which I have used to study many different subject areas. I have developed many transferable skills which I now use in my specialist area of Fashion/Textiles. The course has allowed me to specialise in a subject I'm passionate about which will lead to a career. This course allows you to express your full creative self and as you are always with the same group of people, you start to create strong bonds with everyone in the class.

After Carmel, I plan on taking the skills and techniques I have learnt on the course, and moving on to either a degree in Costume Design or Prosthetics.

Lucy Heyes Wade Deacon  
Studying: UAL Art & Design Diploma



Olivia Price

All students will study the following areas of Art and Design in purpose-built facilities and under specialist tutor guidance:

**Graphic Design** – This is all about communicating using type, imagery, sound and movement. The skills you will learn will include games design, web design, branding, typography, magazine layout, surface graphics, motion graphics and image making.

**Textiles and Fashion** - Students develop creative investigations into textiles and fashion, experimenting with techniques and processes including stitch, print, dye, knit and garment construction and will develop understanding of shape, form, pattern, texture and colour.

**Fine Art** - This area includes traditional drawing, painting and sculpture alongside the more contemporary installation art, film, photography, printmaking, performance and digital imagery.

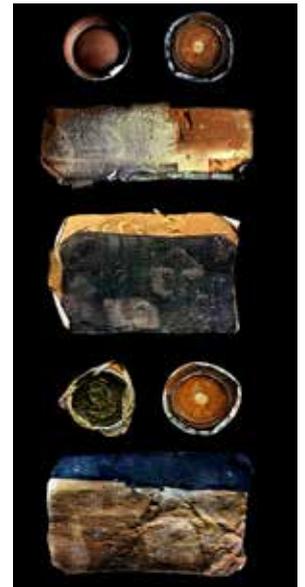
**Illustration** – This is all about communicating using image making; using skills in drawing, painting, printmaking and digital programs to create exciting imagery to illustrate an idea or story. Areas you may study include children's books, technical, editorial, medical and fashion illustration.

**Animation/Film** - Students learn animation and moving image techniques which are strongly linked to current commercial practice. Students will develop skills in storyboarding/visual

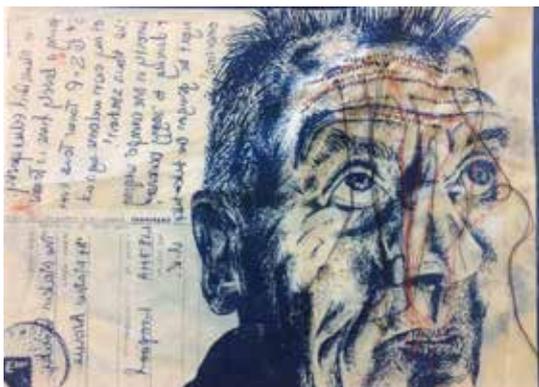
communicating narrative, flips books, using lighting studio/green screen technology, stop motion animation and 2D animation using programs such as Adobe Flash and Premier.

**3D Design** - Students work with a wide variety of materials including paper, card, wood, metal, plastic, glass, wire and have full access to a machine workshop. Outcomes for projects include architectural models, lighting, body adornment, set design and product design.

All practical work is underpinned by critical analysis of appropriate sources. Students are encouraged to visit exhibitions and galleries and use contextual research to inspire project ideas.



Charlotte Hughes



Ellie Makin



Francesca Conway



## OUR STUDENTS SAY...

*Studying the UAL Art Diploma has helped me develop as an artist and as a person.*

The tutor support offered has helped me develop my skills and learn new ones that I never thought I would be able to do. The tutors are willing to go above and beyond to help everyone, even in their own time. The facilities on offer allow you to be ambitious and very rarely limited on your creative ideas. After Carmel I hope to go on to study Fine Art at university which I couldn't have done without the help of my tutors who assisted me in applying and preparing for my interviews. I would recommend Carmel College to anyone, especially the UAL Diploma in Art and Design.

**Oliver Vizard** Birchall High School  
Studying: UAL Art & Design Extended Diploma



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is UAL?

University of the Arts London is Europe's leading Art & Design University. It is made up of six distinctive and distinguished colleges:

- Camberwell College of Arts
- Chelsea College of Art & Design
- Central St Martins College of Art & Design
- London College of Communication
- London College of Fashion
- Wimbledon College of Art

### What are the entry requirements for these courses?

Any **Art & Design GCSE Grade 4** or a **Technology GCSE Grade 4** including Resistant Materials, Product Design, Graphic Products, Textiles or equivalent. If you haven't studied Art, no problem, just come and talk to one of the tutors.

### Where can this course lead?

The UAL Diploma/Extended Diploma in Art and Design is a qualification accepted by all universities.

The **Level 3 Diploma** attracts UCAS points for each final grade as follows:

Pass 36 / Merit 60 / Distinction 84

The **Level 3 Extended Diploma** attracts UCAS points for each final grade as follows:

Pass 72 / Merit 120 / Distinction 168

Possible careers could include: Architect, Interior Designer, Illustrator, Set/Costume Designer, Animator, Artist, Fashion Designer, Curator, Graphic Designer, Computer Games Designer, New Media Designer, Art Therapist, Photographer, Fashion Stylist, Illustrator, Teacher and many more!

### How successful are Carmel's students?

The majority of our outstanding students stay at Carmel to progress onto the UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design or apply for a wide range of degree courses. Exam results:

#### Level 3 Diploma:

68% Distinction / 16% Merit / 16% Pass

#### Level 3 Extended Diploma:

78% Distinction / 22% Merit  
100% progression to University,  
Art Foundation or Apprenticeships.

### What other activities can I get involved in?

Tutors guide and support students to build professional profiles through entering external competitions and gaining work experience. All students have a minimum of two exhibitions per year, which they promote and organise. All students visit the Design Your Future fair and meet current working artists and designers. Additionally, there is a High Achievers' Programme within the faculty and selected students have the opportunity to exhibit at external venues such as the Bluecoat in Liverpool.

## Meet the Tutors

### Liz Walls

Head of Department /  
Photography Tutor

### Danielle Edgson

3D Design / Photography  
Tutor

### Kate Moffatt

Graphic Design /  
Illustration / Fine Art Tutor

### Vikki Leech

Textile Design Tutor

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## More Information

The UAL Diploma/Extended Diploma specifications and further information can be found on the exam board website: [www.arts.ac.uk/about-ual/awarding-body/qualifications](http://www.arts.ac.uk/about-ual/awarding-body/qualifications)