

Welcome

to our KC Community



Hello from your Head of Department!

Hi, my name is Warren, and I am the Head of Department for Art and Design at Kirklees College. Here you will be taught by industry experts with a wealth of experience and talent. You will have access to specialist equipment and exciting opportunities in the art and design industries. I look forward to meeting you in September!

Creative Industries - Art & Design



Where will you be studying?

Take a tour of our centres

Huddersfield Centre Tour



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Pioneer Higher Skills Centre Tour

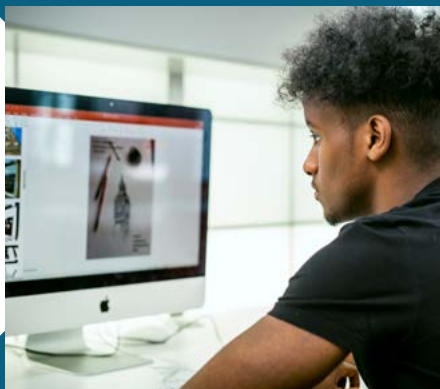


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Key Information and Opportunities

As an Art and Design student, you will be encouraged to recognise not only the unique characteristics of different disciplines, but also the dynamic and potentially innovative relationships between those disciplines, particularly in a technologically driven environment.



Whichever creative pathway you find yourself on, you will be supported to develop a coherent and effective working practice to enable you to react positively and creatively across a diverse range of assignments and creative activities.

By the end of your time at Kirklees College, you will have developed practical skills that will help ease the transition into direct employment or further study in the creative industries.



Student life

Making the most of your student life is as important to your experience as the course you study. We are a collaborative, inclusive, supportive and fun college offering you the chance to make great memories as you prepare for a successful future.

- Student enrichment gives you opportunities to join clubs, community projects, trips, and other activities that build skills and confidence.
- There are opportunities to join the Sports Academy and combine sport you're your college studies.
- Student Services offers support with finance, careers advice, counselling, mentoring, wellbeing, and SEND.
- Additional help is also available through learning support, student voice, and the Students' Union.



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to find out more



Work Experience

Work Experience is embedded in every student's timetable at Kirklees College as part of the Personal Development Pledge. If you are on a study programme, you will have work experience built into your Skills For sessions, where you will discuss career progression, apprenticeships, higher education opportunities and take part in workshops for CV building and interview techniques.

You will also have visits from industry-related speakers about jobs in your sector of study, and will take part in either a work placement or Preparation to Work Passport as part of your programme.

Student Case Study: Kai

Kai is a Level 2 Art and Design student and is really loving studying at Kirklees College. In this video, Kai speaks about the skills gained during the time on the course and plans for the future.



CLICK HERE
to listen to Kai's story



Career Progression

Careers in Art and Design are varied and continue to evolve. You can pursue a range of careers, from traditional paths as an artist and designer, to working in graphic design and marketing, photography and videography, fashion design and textile making. Our specialist Careers Coaches will offer you guidance and support to pursue these paths, including applying for your next steps, which may be university or an apprenticeship.

Start of term

Timetables will be released on **Friday 4 September**. You will receive a text after 12noon to tell you when your timetable is available to view.

Term starts on
Wednesday 9 September 2026

Key enrolment information

The majority of students will enrol online for a September start. Our applications team will contact all applicants to check we have the correct contact information and to confirm what time you will receive your enrolment link.

Enrolment links will be sent out in batches on GCSE Results day (Thursday, 20 August), and this will need to be completed by 12 noon on Friday 21 August.

If you are on holiday or not available on GCSE results day, you will receive information from the applications team about what to do. If your results are different from what was expected, then again, the college's applications team will tell you what to do next.

If you haven't already uploaded a photo for your ID badge, then you will be able to do this when you enrol.