

I am really enjoying the course so far and this is only year one! From the first week, there's been a lot of opportunities given to me.

The facilities we have available to use, such as printing, textiles and digital areas are great. There is so much equipment to learn how to use and I am really developing my skills.

At the start we were introduced to everyone that we would be working with, both students and teachers. During the first few lessons the teachers went through what we would be doing in all of the different units. My nerves quickly vanished. The teachers are more than happy to help and support you no matter how small it may be. They are amazing at what they do and go above and beyond both in and out of lessons. All of the teachers have their own specialism so there is always someone to help you, whatever you are working on.

Whilst doing our projects, we are given a lot of creative freedom and most of the time we can use any medium or topic we want to focus on. Sometimes we are given a theme to work on like the human body or nature but we can then experiment within that. Throughout the projects the tutors will support you so that you can reach your best potential and produce your best work. The tutors give regular feedback to help you improve and are supportive of your ideas. They are always available for an extra 1:1 if you need it. The technicians are really helpful too and you can work with them outside of lessons to get more work done.

In tutorials we talk about future careers and this helps when it comes to what you plan to do in the future and where you will work. The tutors will help you when finding and choosing a work placement to again help with your career goals. You can go on placement wherever you want to but it needs to be a creative industry. The work placement team can help you to organise it.

One of the advantages of coming to college is that during the course, you'll be able to find others that are on the same wavelength as you. You will find like-minded people who also have a love of art! Being with so many similar people really inspires you to try new things.

We have completed a range of projects that have allowed us to learn a range of techniques. I have learned how to use various printing techniques such as lino and plater-block, which have opened new types of media to me. I have learnt about different artists such as Picasso and have tried creating images in a similar style. I've completed a range of projects including Our World during which I have made art work which was inspired by mythology. My favourite project so far has been the Our World unit because I have been able to focus on something that really interests me.

I would definitely say that I'm looking forward to the second year!

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