

Creative Arts and Multi-Media



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Creative arts can be a strong enabling power for disabled students with communication difficulties and low levels of literacy.

Students learn to express themselves through colour, texture and 3d sculpture whilst working towards a formal qualification. Problems with perception can also be identified by comparing the actual to the drawn.

The Creative Arts courses at the College are popular and high achieving. Students can take courses in Art, Craft, Ceramics, Textiles and Multimedia (including graphics, digital photography and web based delivery). The strength of work in this area was recognised with the award of the AoC Beacon award for Art and Design.

Why change is needed

The increase in student numbers and in levels of disability mean that the arts facilities are now overstretched, outdated and working at maximum capacity. The cramped conditions can also cause accessibility problems. No specialist facilities or equipment exist to develop multi-media courses and multi-media in combination with our enabling technology work are powerful enabling tools for our disabled young people.

A life transformed: Natalie's story

"My name is Natalie and I started at the College in 2005. Even though I am profoundly disabled I progressed from living on campus to living more independently at Overton house, an off site residence where I have developed my independence living skills. My self confidence has grown considerably mainly through my work with Creative Arts.

I did claymaking and photography passing two Open College photography units at level two. I also received a Skills for Working Life Award at entry level two. My proudest achievement is putting my newly learnt arts skills into developing a card system with my speech therapist to help me communicate which has increased my confidence a lot.

Since leaving College, I have moved into a fully adapted bungalow back home in Wales and have arranged my own care. I am looking for new courses that will help me to develop my skills and find work. My life has been completely transformed and enriched through my time at College."

Former Student

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Transforming Facilities

The Star Appeal will fund a new Creative Arts and Multimedia Centre to include:

- Over 400m² of zoned flexible teaching space
- Specialist art and design zone
- Large and accessible pottery and practical zone with kiln room
- Leading edge multimedia zone (graphics, digital photography and IT resources)
- Exhibition space to showcase student work

Expected Benefits

- Space to meet current needs
- Better personalised learning through flexible teaching zone
- Increased adult education provision
- Student work show cased in public interface with College

The difference your support can make

Students at the College are some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people and adults from across the country.

By enabling them to access the best possible facilities and receive the best possible personalised learning programmes you are enabling them to transform their lives.

Creative Arts and Multimedia Centre	£1,180,000
Specialist Art and Design Zone	£360,000
Multi-Media Studio	£330,000
Pottery and Practical Zone	£350,000
Exhibition Space	£55,000
Kiln Room	£25,000

