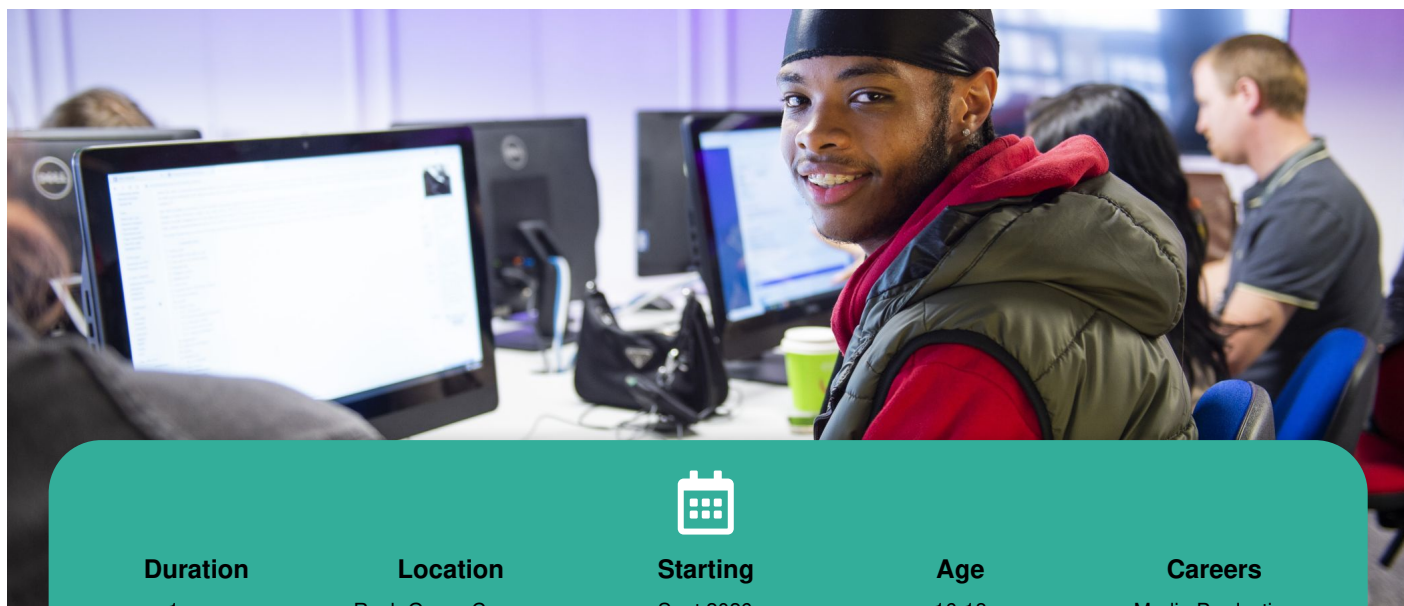


Level 3

Creative Media Practice - Visual Effects (VFX)

BTEC National Diploma

**Duration**

1 year

Location

Rush Green Campus

Starting

Sept 2026

Age

16-18

Careers

Media Production

Course fees per year

AGE 16-18

FREE

Contact us to discuss what Financial support is available.

Overview

This course is designed to help you develop your creative skills and explore your interests in animation and visual effects within a supportive and inspiring learning environment.

You will be encouraged to experiment, take creative risks and challenge your own ideas, while working in professional facilities alongside experienced tutors who will support your growth and progression within a rapidly expanding creative industry.

You will work with industry-standard software and respond to professional-style briefs, gaining insight into how animation and VFX projects are developed in real-world settings.

By the end of the programme, you will be well prepared to progress to university or move directly into industry-related opportunities.

What you'll learn

On this course, you will learn:

- Principles of animation
- 2D and 3D animation techniques
- 3D modelling
- Compositing for live-action footage
- Digital image editing
- Film language, production pipelines and workflows
- How to respond to professional-style briefs
- How animation and VFX projects are developed in industry contexts

You will also gain experience working in specialist media and games labs equipped with professional hardware and software, including Adobe Animate, Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Maya, Blender and Adobe Lightroom, using Apple iMac workstations with the full Adobe Creative Suite.

Alongside practical work, your learning will be supported by relevant theory and industry context.

Assessments / Exams

You will be assessed through a combination of coursework and portfolio work.

Entry requirements

You will need to have GCSE Maths, English Language and two additional subjects at grade 4 (C) or above.

As part of the application process you will also be asked to explain why you want to study this course, so that we can ensure any course offer made aligns to your career goals.

What this course leads to

On successful completion of this course, you will have developed the skills to explore potential progression routes and begin sharing your professional materials such as your CV, portfolio and personal website. These will support progression into:

- University or Higher Education
- Freelance work
- Employment within the creative industries
- Apprenticeships

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