

Course Code: 5MFM003

# Course Title – National Certificate in Multimedia Level 3

**Qualification** BTEC National Certificate in Multimedia

**Course Leader:** David Barker

**What the course involves:**

What are the main areas of work?

Via the setting of 12 units you will learn and develop skills in video production; learning camera use, working on location, setting up shots etc. Following this is post production, editing video and audio, creating voice-overs and making titles. We design web sites with text, photos and video. We make animations using traditional and computer generated methods. Then there is magazine design using text and your own photographs. Backing all these activities you will learn drawing skills, and ways to generate and develop interesting projects.

**What do the software packages on the course do? What are the differences between them?**

We use Adobe Photoshop, In Design, Apple Final Cut Pro, Macromedia Flash and Dreamweaver. They all have different functions based around still and moving images, text and animation but combine as separate technical and creative platforms to provide a multimedia response to given projects.

**Do I need my own computer at home to join the course?**

It can be useful if you have your own computer as you can work on set projects at home, but even without one, as long as you attend College every day, you will be able to complete all set work.

**What computers will we use?**

We use Apple G5 computers with dual processors

**Can I print at college?**

We have Black & White laser printers in each studio. There is a colour Laser printer in the College which charges for printing – current prices are 50p for A4 and £1.00 for A3 colour prints.

**Can I work at college outside of class time?**

You do have limited access to studio space and the machines; we also have access to Apple Macs in the Skills Centre from 10AM to 6PM.

**Is the course set with projects for us to do?**

The course is based around set projects, each lasting for approximately 50 hours

**What materials do I need to bring?**

When you join the course we will have an induction period when you will be told what materials you will need over the year

**What is the likely cost of materials per term, per course, per session?**

Approximately £250 for the year. You may be eligible to apply for a Learner Support fund. We will explain this process at induction.

**Is there any disabled access to the classroom?**

Yes – via a lift to the third floor.

**How does my work get assessed and how often?**

Your work will be assessed at the end of each project

**Is there any tutorial support? How often?**

You will be assigned a tutor at Induction. You will have a one-to-one session per term on average; more if special circumstances arise.

**How many students are in a class?**

A maximum of 15

**Is there group work?**

Working professionally in multimedia necessitates working collaboratively; so we set some projects as group work

**Do we go out to visit galleries or studios?**

We have visits to galleries, exhibitions and video trade fairs at least once a term.

**Are there any mechanisms for getting handouts or lesson supplements in order to catch up?**

We are in the process of putting project briefs, handouts etc. on to our Multimedia website [www.kccmultimedia.org.uk](http://www.kccmultimedia.org.uk) where you may find other resources such as books and galleries for inspiration

**Where it leads to:**

Many students choose to go to university on successful completion of the course. Most choose St Martins, Chelsea, The London College of Communication, Westminster as well as Goldsmiths, Ravensbourne and Greenwich University. Other students choose to go directly into media-related employment, either in studios or working on a freelance basis. One of the

projects you will be asked to do is to design your own personal website so that you can place some or all of your own work on it a, allowing prospective employers to see what you are able to do.

**Are there any associated courses to gain similar or useful skills after or during this course?**

We also run the Higher National Certificate in Multimedia at Kensington & Chelsea College

**What background and qualifications do you need to join?**

**Should I bring anything to my interview?**

We would like you to bring any creative work to interview, especially art and design. If you don't have any but do have a real interest in the subject then come with what you have – creative writing, journalism etc. The most important thing you can bring to interview is enthusiasm and commitment.

**I have relevant work experience but no educational qualifications? Can I still join?**

Yes – students are encouraged to join with work experience.

**Course duration and Hours:**

The course runs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 to 4. It lasts for 37 weeks .

You can take a lunch break from 1 to 2PM. There are some half terms; see the website for College dates.

**Fees:** £764 (£45) £3995 non EU

**Location:** Wornington Road Site

**How to apply:**

You must be interviewed before acceptance onto this course. Please complete an application form online and we will contact you. You may also apply by post or in person and we will contact you to arrange an interview time. Please bring work to your interview, which you feel supports your application to the course. This may include sketchbooks, drawings, photographs, graphic design, video and film work, web page design and computer aided design work. Work done on computer should ideally be presented as printed hard copy, however we shall make every effort to view work stored on CD if time and resources allow.