

Welcome to our Arts newsletter specially created for you to see what's been happening in the department you will be joining this September.

Our students have been working harder than ever, despite the lockdown restrictions, which meant new ways of study from home for much of the year.

Highlights include some great university offers, the virtual End of Year Show and students making their contribution to support and protect the NHS during lockdown.

### THE SHOW MUST GO ON

The End of Year Show 2021 moved out of the School for the Arts and into a virtual space when dining tables became workstations and bedrooms transformed into studios. While the routine of life before lockdown faded into memory, new creative landscapes began to reveal themselves to students working remotely.

The compilation of work in a range of subject specialisms is testament to the adaptability, creativity and technical skill of all involved.

Click here to visit this year's celebration of the creative achievements of The School for the Arts.

### **MYSTIC STONE**

Level 3 Games Design student, Aaron Wilson's final project Mystic Stone was a fantastic achievement and really is out of this world.



BTEC Art and Design Learner of the Year 2020



### FASHION TEAM SCRUBS UP WELL TO SUPPORT THE NHS



Our fashion department teamed up with former students and local businesses to supply vital equipment to support the NHS during the COVID-19 crisis.

The team collaborated with former staff and student professionals from local clothing businesses to create scrub suits, scrub hats and scrub bags to help protect Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust (WWL NHS) staff.

The Wigan Scrub Hub is a public Facebook group set up by former Wigan & Leigh College fashion student, Charlotte Mack, with a GoFundMe page for donations to buy the fabrics to make the scrubs. Find out more here

### **TABLE TOP CHALLENGE**

Photography students were set a table top studio challenge, while they continued to work from home during lockdown. They researched studio set-ups and created two pictures of the same composition using different lighting. See their work here.

#### **UNIVERSITY OFFERS**

Level 3 Fashion student, Georgia Leech has a university offer from De Montfort University Leicester. The former Canon Slade School pupil has career ambitions to become a fashion designer in menswear.





Level 3 Fashion student, Ethan Lee has his sights set on becoming a designer in the ladieswear sector. He's secured an offer from the University of Salford.

The former Dean Trust Wigan pupil said: "I've enjoyed learning the skills and techniques of pattern cutting and manufacturing. As a man doing a fashion course, I am in the minority, but many of the big brand designers are male, so I draw inspiration from that."

Level 3 Creative Design for Gaming student, Jacqueline Farr, secured university offers from Arts University Bournemouth and Middlesex University. The former Albany Academy pupil wants to become an animator.

"I enjoy learning digital arts as well as traditional. We have great equipment and tech and the tutors' knowledge and experience is very up-to-date."





Foundation Art & Design student, Kimberley Webster plans to become a tattoo artist following her Illustration degree at the University of Central Lancashire.

"I have been able to try out a range of

Level 3 Fashion student Mikael Nzembani-Biaka has university offers from both ends of the country. She has to choose between University of the Arts London and Northumbria University.



techniques to help me decide what I want to do in the future. We have a lot of open space to work in at College and it's great to have your own area to display your work."

# HIGH FLYING CAREER FOR PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENT

Photography student, Jade Shaw has secured an apprenticeship in the Royal Air Force at Cosford and has her sights set on following and documenting the Red Arrows across America.

The talented Wigan student is set to follow in her father's footsteps - an engineer Chief Tech at the Wittering base in Peterborough.

Like many students who studied at home during the Coronovirus pandemic, the former Up Holland High School pupil found extra time to work on her personal projects.



Through her Instagram and Facebook pages, js.images and Jade Shaw Photography she secured work photographing new born babies and mums to be, as well as her first wedding event.

Jade is looking forward to traveling and working on documentary photography as an apprentice for the RAF. Read more here

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