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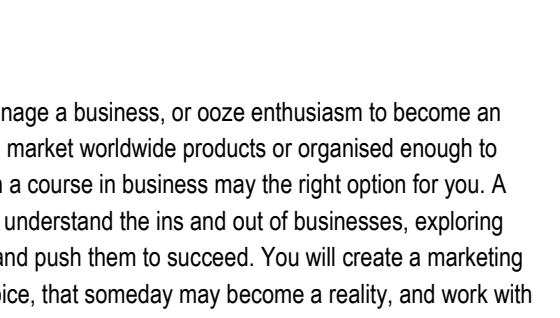

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What do students do afterwards?
In the past students have gone on to apprenticeships in web design, or further study at university looking at media studies, digital media or courses that help to prepare for website design and journalism.

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What do students do afterwards?
There are many opportunities for you to go after completing this course that include apprenticeships around customer service or moving onto a level 3 course.

How will I be assessed?
Unit 1 – Exam
Unit 2, unit 3 and unit 4 – Coursework

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If you already have a job, you can start to examine what makes an excellent customer service deliverer and how you would best meet the needs of the different types of customers. You may also want to think about how your needs are met when you purchase products or services from a business.

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Drama & Theatre Studies

A-level

What will I study?
If you enjoy working practically and solving problems then drama and theatre may be for you. If you take drama and theatre at A-level you will create unique performances, you will put yourself in a director's shoes and work on a variety of plays and performance projects. You will go to the theatre and build your skills as both a critic and play-maker. You will discover just 'how magical' the theatre is and how new practitioners are shaping the stage today following in the footsteps of the great names of our stage and theatre world, such as Brecht, Stanislavski, Artaud.

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Past students have gone on to tread the boards, to present on live radio and appear in film, adverts and video. Others have chosen to study Theatre at places such as The Central School of Speech and Drama in London and LIPA taking performing arts, such as dance, or perhaps you just want to study an A-level that will give you confidence and resilience, making you stand out in a crowd in a highly-competitive world. Whatever your reasons, drama is also accepted by universities, providing UCAS points for your next step in education.

How will I be assessed?
20% theatre workshop; 40% performance, supported by written process and evaluation;
40% written exam.

What can I do to prepare?
If you haven't done GCSE drama, no worries. In the first term, you will quickly develop your skills and be ready for your drama and theatre journey. Talk to other drama students, come along to Drama Club, get involved in your local amateur dramatics company, go to the theatre, watch film, write, and come and have a chat with the friendly drama staff. As Shakespeare said, 'All the world's a stage and we are but players…'.

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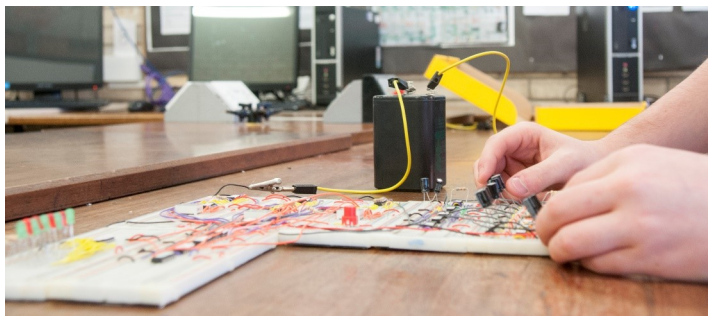

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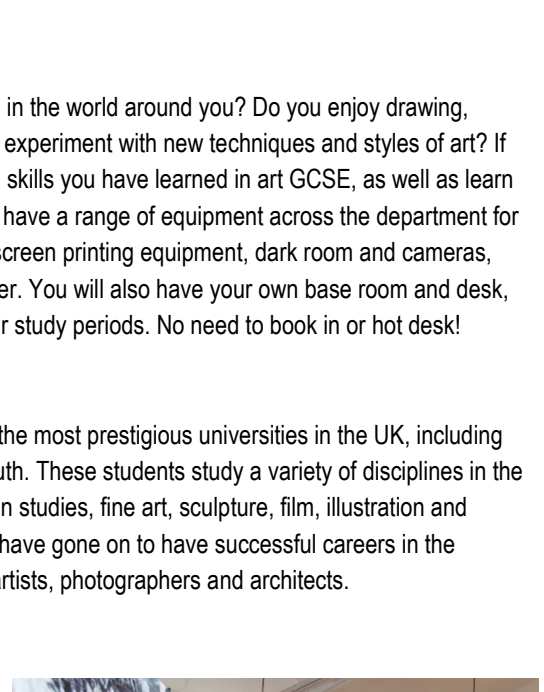

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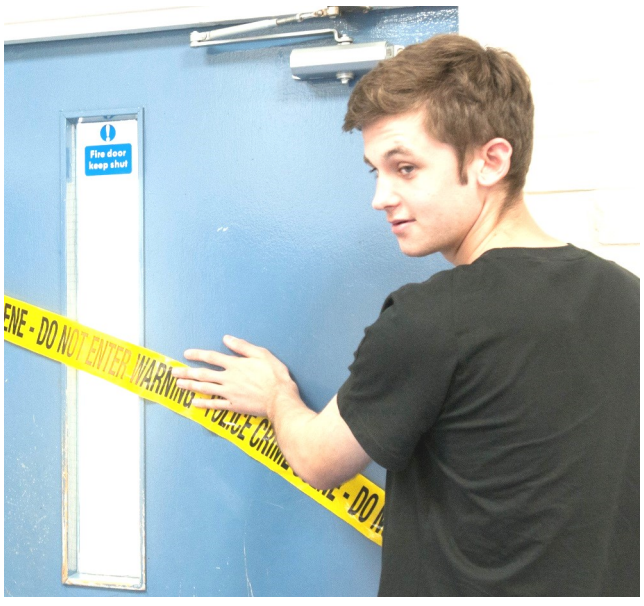

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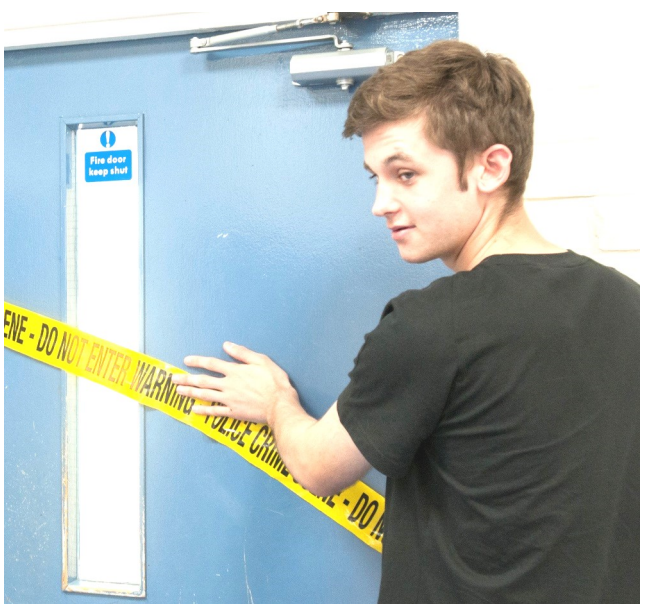

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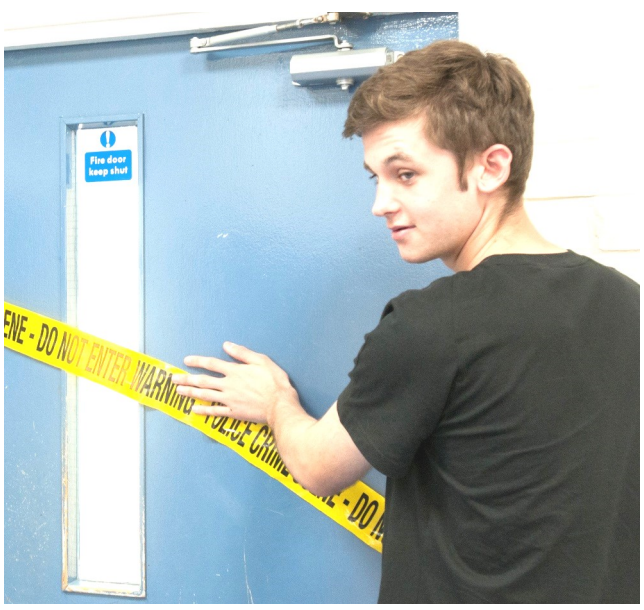

Make up Artistry

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What will the course involve?
You will cover the range of essential practical skills and knowledge which will help you get a job in the make up industry or go onto further training:

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- anatomy and physiology – bones of the face and skull and layers of the skin
- researching, planning and showcasing designs – sourcing inspiration for designs, researching looks, influence of historical looks and global cultures
- producing a portfolio and showcasing make up designs
- applying make up – skin types and colours, colour wheel, products and tools
- photographic make up – camera lighting and adapting for the location/weather
- hair artistry – styling using products, tools, styling for different occasions eg prom
- creative make up – special effects eg cuts and bruising, face art, working to a theme.

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Make up Artistry

BTEC Level 2

What will the course involve?
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- communication methods, sales opportunities and support working in make up
- anatomy and physiology – bones of the face and skull and layers of the skin
- researching, planning and showcasing designs – sourcing inspiration for designs, researching looks, influence of historical looks and global cultures
- producing a portfolio and showcasing make up designs
- applying make up – skin types and colours, colour wheel, products and tools
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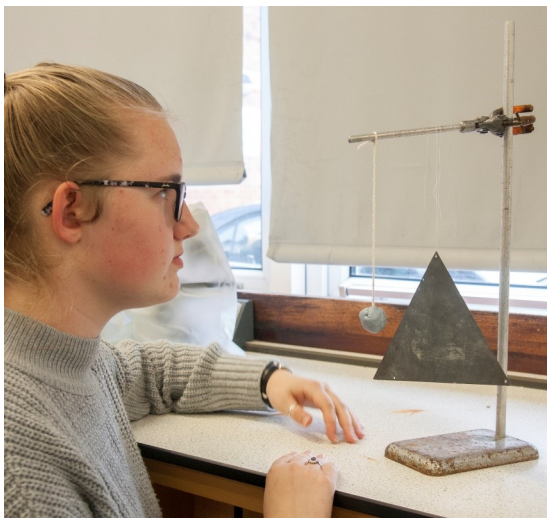

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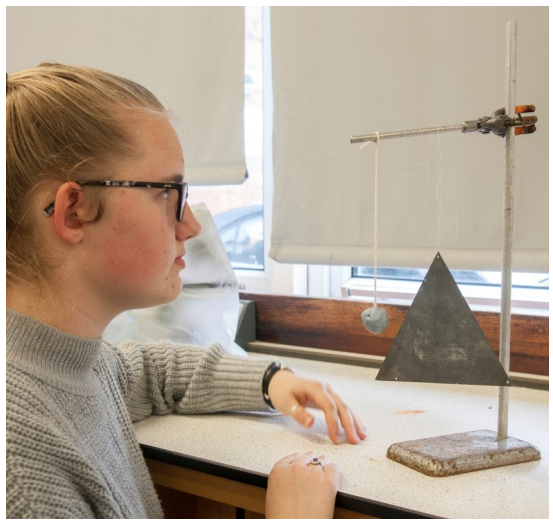

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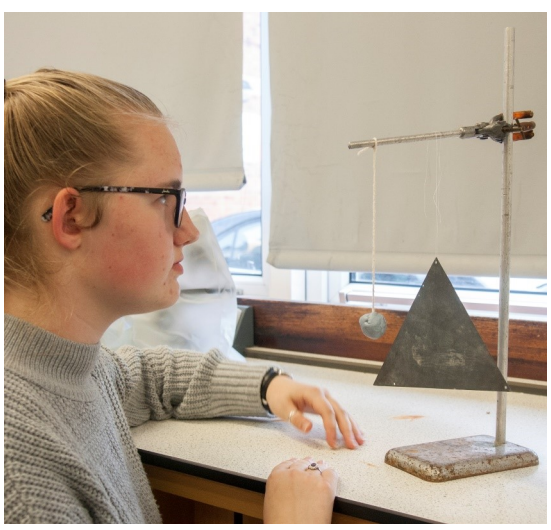

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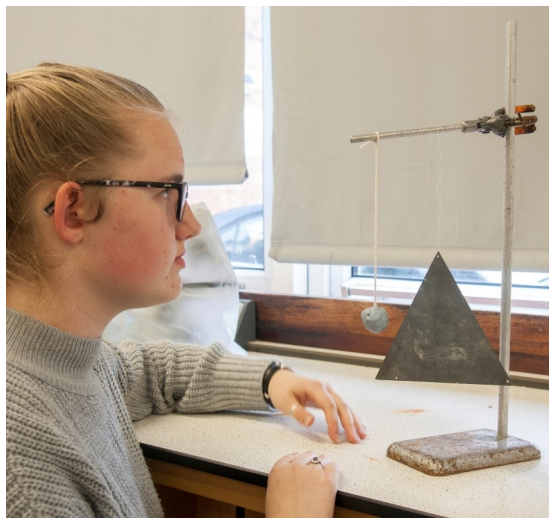

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What do students do afterwards?
Thinking philosophically requires rigour, precision and creativity; qualities that can then be applied to any other problem.
Careers where a study of this subject may be useful include:

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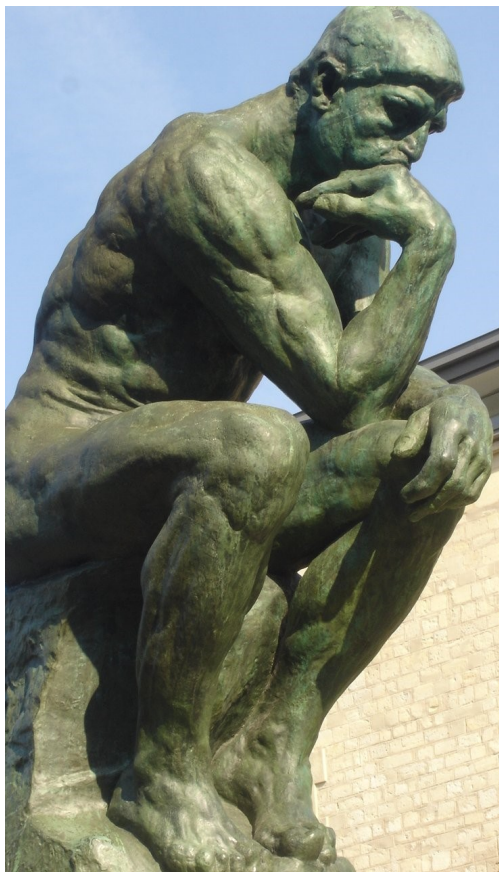

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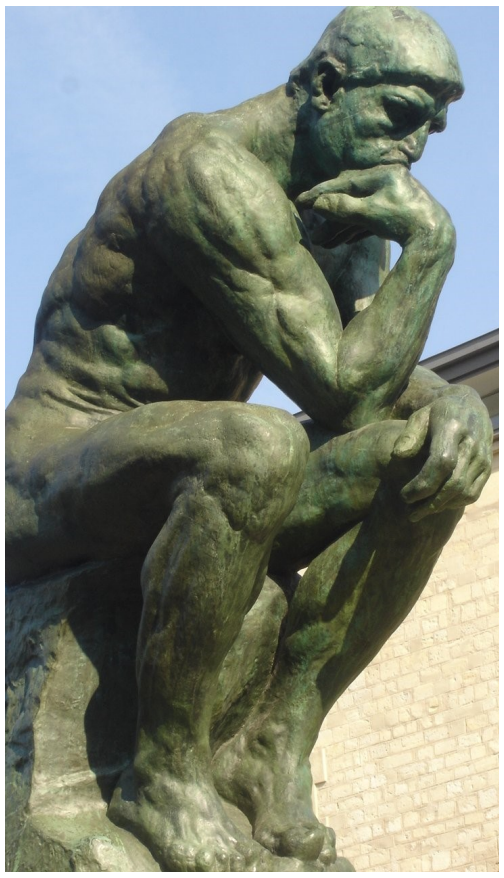

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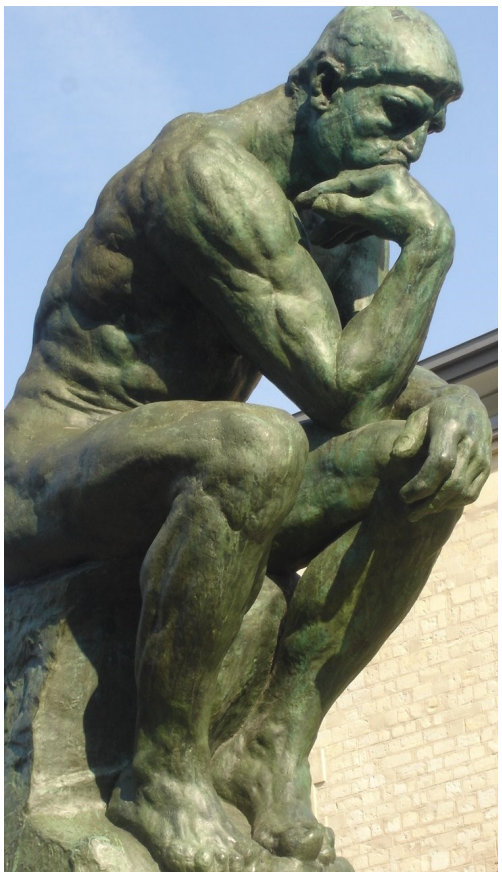

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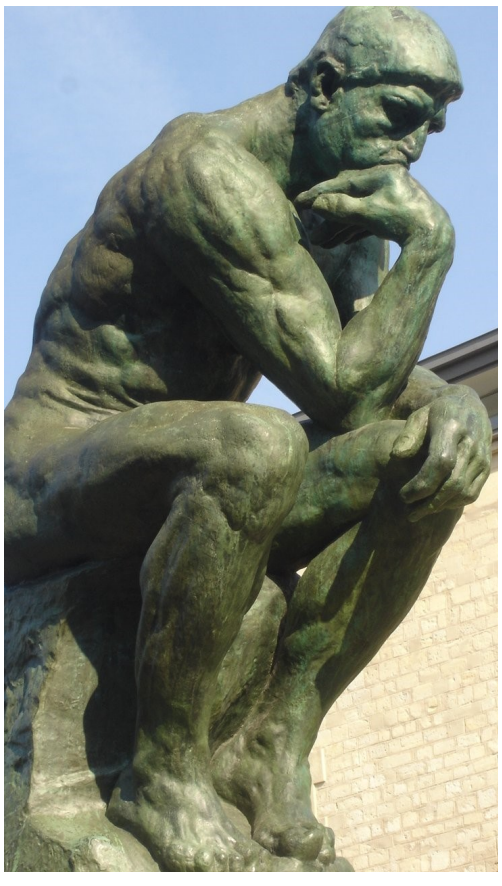

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Or why some people conform?

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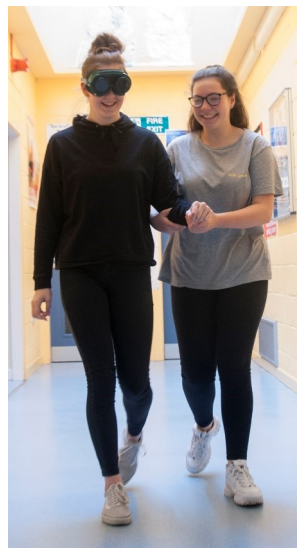

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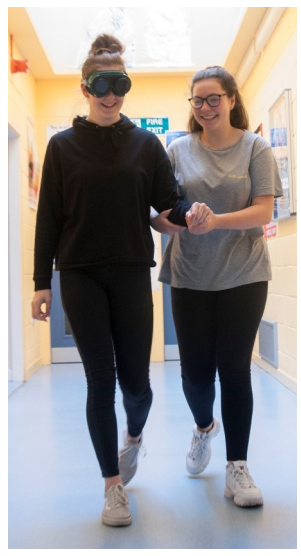

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Progression after this course is individual to the student. At the end of the course there are a range of further education options and many students continue at Whitby Sixth Form on the foundation learning programme until ready to progress further. There are options to move towards Level 2 programmes of study when ready.

How will I be assessed?
These include functional skills qualifications in mathematics and English. The work experience accredited qualifications reflects the skills gained in the workplace and in lessons, the other qualifications are based on College work. Assessment includes a range of methods – examination, online computer tests, and workbooks.

What can I do to prepare?
Talk to other students about their experiences of the foundation learning programme. You can speak with friends and family about our different offers. Come and try a day for yourself.

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