

# MUSIC EVENTS GAMES FILM & TV DESIGN VFX

**COLLEGE  
COURSE GUIDE**  
2020/21



**confetti**

institute of creative technologies

# We are a specialist creative industries institute

Home to some of the best facilities, teachers and industry connections in the UK, alongside a community of passionate, like-minded and talented students.

Established in 1994 as the first specialist institution of its kind in the region, Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies offers further and higher education to over 2000 students, studying for careers in games, TV, film, VFX, animation, design, music, and events.

Confetti is all about making sure you get the best chance to Do It For Real – perform it, produce it, design it, film it and stage it. A Confetti education means you will get unique opportunities to learn from the best, and to showcase your talents.

---

## CONTENTS

4	Celebrating 25 Years
5	Why Choose Confetti
6	Be Part of the Crew
8	Do It For Real
12	Industry Week
14	Our Campus
20	Our Courses
23	Choosing Your Course
24	Core Skills
28	Introduction to Creative Industries
34	Music Technology
36	Music Technology & Performance
38	Audio & Music Technology
40	Music Performance & Songwriting
42	Technical Events
48	Games
50	Games Art
52	Games Technology
58	Digital Media
60	Graphic & Digital Design
62	Film & TV Production
64	VFX & Animation
66	How To Apply
68	Supporting Our Students
70	Fees & Funding
72	Thinking About University
74	Partnerships
76	Getting Here
78	Open Days
79	Contact Us

# Celebrating 25 years of creative technologies

**Confetti was founded 25 years ago by Craig Chettle, a former musician, producer and sound engineer. Since August 2015 we've been part of Nottingham Trent University, Guardian University of the Year 2019.**

Confetti courses are vocational – they are connected to the industries you want to work in and they are designed to give you the very best chance of success.

Complementing this ethos, Confetti also runs a number of commercial businesses, including film and TV post-production company, Spool, and Metronome, a world class music and events complex. We are also partners in Nottingham's successful television station Notts TV, which has been broadcasting 24/7 on Virgin and Freeview to homes across Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands for the past five years.

All of these commercial businesses offer our students unique opportunities to get first-hand industry experience, from performing on our stage, to working behind the scenes on live TV programmes.

Studying at Confetti isn't just about the next few years. It's about joining a community to meet new people, make friends and business connections and become part of a network of creative technology professionals across the UK, and around the world. Join our creative community and help shape the next 25 years!



**At Confetti, you'll receive the best, the most relevant and the most inspiring creative industry education and training. Our mission is to turn dream jobs into real jobs. Your life-changing journey starts right here.**

**Craig Chettle**  
Chief Executive Officer

## WHY CHOOSE CONFETTI?

**From our specialist facilities and experienced teaching staff, to our location - right in the heart of one of the UK's most creative cities, we think there's plenty of reasons why Confetti is the right choice for you.**

### Our Technology

You'll have access to the latest, most exciting tech out there – and we'll teach you how to get the most out of it. We regularly invest in new equipment, ensuring our students keep pace with developments in the creative technologies industries.

### Do It For Real Opportunities

We'll prepare you for a successful career through our Do It For Real opportunities. From crewing Splendour Festival – named 'Best Festival (15,000–35,000)' in the Live UK Music Business Awards 2018 – to performing at one of Nottingham's most exciting music venues for a Confetti Live event, you'll add to your CV and develop the skills and experience that employers are looking for.

### Confetti Campus

You'll be based at our new, multi-million pound Confetti Campus. The site features specialist classrooms, studios, a library, and a fantastic new café.

### Our Staff

You'll be taught by academic staff who have practical industry experience, giving you relevant and tailored advice about pursuing your dream career. We also have a team of dedicated experts supporting you in our Student Services and Additional Learning Support teams.

### Our Community

Confetti is a community of like-minded creatives, offering a supportive and welcoming learning environment. Alongside your course, you could join a photography club, go to music groups and events, or even join our successful Esports gaming team, Confetti Arrows!

### Industry Week

You'll get an exclusive invite to Industry Week. Each year for one whole week, we suspend the teaching timetable, and instead invite some of the biggest names in industry to Confetti to deliver inspiring workshops and sessions to our students.



**Photo credit:**  
Studio 2 – Metronome



# BE PART OF THE CREW

## Photo credit:

1. Confetti stage at Splendour Festival
2. Student band Marty at Confetti Live broadcast
3. Confetti Esports team, Confetti Arrows
4. Notts TV student crew at Splendour Festival
5. Confetti Student Ambassadors
6. VFX student trip to Into Film Festival





## DO IT FOR REAL

**At Confetti, we know the importance of gaining real, hands-on experience. It'll give you an edge when you've finished your course and you're looking to move into a creative technologies profession.**

Do It For Real industry experience lies at the heart of our courses – offering ambitious students hundreds of opportunities to gain real industry experience. Expect assignments set by industry experts, in-house showcase events, internships, and a host of freelance opportunities.

From working on the full-length feature production *Outlawed*, to crewing and performing at Splendour Festival, our students have hundreds of opportunities to Do It For Real.

With a record label, TV station, film and post-production company, all part of the Confetti Media Group family, no one does industry links quite like we do. That level of exposure, experience and talent development places you ahead of the game – ensuring the very best chances of employment when you graduate from Confetti.

From meeting their best friends to gaining valuable work experience, our students have had some amazing experiences here – find out for yourself on our website or search **#IMadeIt** on social media.



Watch our students at  
Splendour Festival 2019

**Photo credit:**  
Confetti staff and students at  
Splendour Festival 2019



**Did you know?**  
Our students totalled up almost 2,000  
hours of work experience working at  
Splendour over the past two years.



### Confetti Live

Throughout the year, we put on a series of gigs to give our students the chance to perform at some of Nottingham's top venues, including The Bodega, Rough Trade and our very own Metronome. Our live & technical events students run the shows, and we invite the general public along to watch.

### Splendour

Every year our students work alongside events promoters DHP and professional crews to help put on Nottingham's largest outdoor music festival – Splendour. Events students control the behind-the-scenes technology, PA and lighting; music performance students observe and some even get to perform; while the film & TV students work with Notts TV to film and record all the action backstage.

### Hockley Hustle

The Hockley Hustle music festival fills the streets and venues of Hockley with some of the best up-and-coming and established talent in Nottingham. Confetti regularly hosts a stage at the event, featuring our students past and present. There are lots of ways for you to get involved with Hockley Hustle, whether you're performing, running the show as part of the tech crew, or volunteering to help at the venues.

### Lockwood Publishing

Our games students have gained some valuable Do It For Real work experience working alongside employees at the highly successful online publishing studio Lockwood, who specialise in social games and created the popular virtual world app Avakin Life.

### Notts TV

Nottinghamshire's very own TV channel sees our film & TV students getting hands-on, real industry experience in all aspects of television production – with shows, such as Noise Floor, Ey Up Notts, Sports Week and Notts TV Debate, all filmed on our campus daily. Our music performance students also have the chance to perform regularly on shows, such as Ey Up Notts and Noise Floor.

### Nusic and BBC Introducing

Celebrating Nottingham's vibrant music scene, Nusic is forever looking to promote new talent from around Nottingham. They regularly use our music and TV studios with the help of our talented students. Their popular Future Sessions series is filmed at Space2 and our students have worked in live audio, lighting, mixing and filming. Our students also get the chance to work and perform in the high profile BBC Introducing sessions, which are hosted at Metronome.

### Photo credit:

Top right: Hockley Hustle at Metronome

Bottom right: Confetti student band Velvet Blush performing at Splendour Festival





## INDUSTRY WEEK

**Confetti's Industry Week is the biggest event of its kind in the UK. Each year we go off timetable, throw open the doors and let the industry take over. Expect interactive workshops, in-depth seminars, and exclusive performances – this is your chance to get inspired and learn from the pros.**

Our headliners have included the likes of actor and BBC One Radio host Cel Spellman, acclaimed filmmaker Nick Broomfield, award-winning film and TV director Shane Meadows and TV's Stacey Dooley for our film & TV students.

For our games students, companies including Rockstar Games and Playstation have delivered fantastic talks.

Aardman Animations – the Oscar winning creators of Shaun the Sheep and Wallace and Gromit have visited many times – inspiring students and staff with their "how to" workshops.

We've also welcomed some of the most respected names in the music industry, from Radio 1's Andy Rogers and MistaJam, to Glastonbury founder Michael Eavis and musician Professor Green.



Watch our Industry Week 2019 highlights in our video.



**#IW19**  
**83 Sessions**  
**100 Guests**  
**4 Venues**





# OUR CAMPUS

---

## CONFETTI HQ

### Digital Media Hub

**Confetti is in the heart of Nottingham's Creative Quarter. Our college-level courses are run from our base on Convent Street, with purpose-built, specialist facilities, classrooms and social spaces.**

Our digital media hub will give you access to industry-standard studios, labs and classrooms, a learning resource centre, a contemporary café, and a courtyard terrace.

### Did you know?

**Confetti HQ is home to our new purpose-built motion capture facility which houses 32 Optitrack cameras allowing full body motion tracking with props for up to four actors.**



## SPACE2

### Film & TV Hub

**This amazing space has been developed to the highest industry standards and is equipped with the latest technology and software.**

As a Confetti student, you could have access to:

- Media production lab running Avid and Adobe Creative Cloud
- 25-seat screening room with Dolby Atmos audio facilities
- Green Screen Studio with VFX infinity curve screen
- 144m<sup>2</sup> television studio space with broadcast standard digital video cameras and full lighting rig
- Broadcast spec production gallery with 4k production facilities



## METRONOME

### World-class music and events complex

Words simply don't do Metronome justice. According to renowned studio designers White Mark - the facilities in our new music and events complex are amongst the best in Europe. And they should know - having designed studios for clients all over the world. You can rest assured you are in the best place to develop your career.

Metronome offers a wide range of facilities, including:

- 14 rehearsal spaces
- 5 recording studios
- 400-capacity live event venue
- Live events production workspace
- A mastering, surround sound and post-production studio with a vinyl cutting lathe

“

The facilities at Confetti are excellent and it's a great place to learn. We recorded a 1Xtra show here and were very impressed with the new studio.

### Andy Rogers

Senior Producer at BBC Radio 1/1Xtra





**COURSES**

**COURSES**

**COURSES**

# Study Music & Events, Games, Film & TV or Digital Media

We offer college courses at three different levels: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. You'll need certain GCSE grades, and Maths and English skills to be accepted onto some of our courses.

If you have not yet achieved grade 9 – 4 (A\*-C), you will study Maths and/or English at Confetti as part of your course.

## CHOOSING YOUR COURSE



### Level 1

#### Qualification

Diploma

#### You'll need

Ideally, you'll have achieved a GCSE grade 2 (E) in English and Maths. However, if you haven't, we'll give you the opportunity to prove you can work at this level.



### Level 2

#### Qualification

BTEC/AIM Level 2 Extended Certificate (equivalent to GCSEs)

#### You'll need

4 GCSEs grade 9-3 (A\*-D) including English and Maths

An appreciation of, and a passion for, the subject you're applying for, with a level of practical experience.



### Level 3

#### Qualification

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels)

#### You'll need

5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths

An appreciation of, and a passion for, the subject you're applying for, with a level of practical experience and/or a Level 2 qualification in the subject area.

#### Next step

Move on to an undergraduate course – we offer foundation (FdSc/FdA) and full honours degree options (BSc/BA).



Visit [confetti.ac.uk](https://confetti.ac.uk) to take a look at our degree courses.



CORE SKILLS

As part of your programme of study, you'll have a Personal and Professional Development session. Also, depending on your prior English and Maths attainment, you may need to improve your grade as part of your course.

Professional and Personal Development

As a Confetti student you will take part in our Professional and Personal Development (PPD) programme, which will support you to develop your knowledge and skills beyond the academic, technical and vocational areas.

These sessions are on your timetable and part of your vocational course, for an hour per week. As part of your programme of study, you'll examine a range of development themes set out by Ofsted, tailored with our own experience, knowledge and understanding of our students.

Overall we aim to develop your ability to think independently and create an open and non-judgemental platform to put forward your views, ideas and opinions.

Themes Include:

- Citizenship
- Equality
- Character
- Resilience & Self-Esteem
- Keeping Healthy
- Sex and Relationship Education (SRE)
- Careers and Pathways
- Target Setting and Goals

Events

Across the academic year, students also have the opportunity to take part in PPD events, which aim to provide an extension of what we do in sessions, build a sense of college community and celebrate the end of a busy year. Events include 'PPD Live' - a filmed debate show, various café events and our end of year 'PPD Summer Games'.



Photo credit: Students at the PPD Summer Games 2019

English and Maths

If you haven't yet achieved a Grade 9-4 (A\*-C) for Level 3, and Grade 9-3 (A\*-D) for Level 2, you'll study Maths and English at Confetti as part of your course. You'll attend a compulsory GCSE or Functional Skills session over the course of a year, which is a requirement for all of our vocational courses at Confetti.

Supporting you

If you haven't excelled at English or Maths at school before, don't worry. We have an excellent pass rate in both English and Maths, and surpass the national benchmark. We pride ourselves on our ability to make the subjects interesting, coaching you through the

syllabus in a way that works for you. Our aim is to help you to achieve a grade 4 (C) or above in both subject areas, to aid you in your progression to higher education and employment.

Our syllabus

We follow the AQA syllabus for GCSE English and Edexcel for Functional Skills English. We use Pearson for both GCSE and Functional Skills Maths.

For a complete overview of the content of our English and Maths courses, visit [confetti.ac.uk/english](http://confetti.ac.uk/english) or [confetti.ac.uk/maths](http://confetti.ac.uk/maths).

What will I study?

QOE	Pathway
GCSE Grades 9-4	No requirement for further study.
GCSE Grade 3	All students must study a GCSE in the relevant subject area.
GCSE Grade 2	This grade will be split in two by obtaining the raw marks for each awarding body the majority of which will be AQA / Pearson.
GCSE Grade 1	The majority of learners achieving a grade 1 will be registered on Entry Level 3. The mock test in week 2 may demonstrate the student is more capable in which case the teaching team will make a professional judgement based on evidence within the sessions.
Functional Skills Level 1	No requirement for further study.
Functional Skills Level 2	Learners joining us with a pass in Functional Skills Level 1 will be registered on the Functional Skills Level 2 course.
Functional Skills Level 3	Learners joining us with a pass in Functional Skills Entry Level 3 will be registered on the Functional Skills Level 1 course.
No approved qualification level	Ability will be determined through Initial Assessment during enrolment and the mock test during week 2.



“

**My poems and stories have been really popular amongst staff and fellow students – I won the English Award for Creativity at the college-level showcase ‘Celebrate’.**

**Deanna Ebbelwhite**

Level 1 Introduction to Creative Technologies



**#IMADEIT**

Hear more from our students on how they've made it at Confetti on our website or by scanning this code.



# INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Level  
**AIM Level One**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**1 year**

You'll need:  
**GCSE Grade 2 (E) in  
English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075  
hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

This course is designed to help you explore the different career opportunities available in creative technologies. Studying in an exciting environment, you'll learn the core skills to prepare you for Level 2 studies, exploring different areas to find out what you enjoy most.

## You'll learn:

- How to record music and the techniques used for sequencing with the latest software, such as Apple's Logic Pro X
- The basics of game making and coding for 2D games in professional software
- An introduction to film and TV production
- Elements of graphic and digital design with Photoshop
- Career skills for creative industries, such as interview techniques and self-promotion

## Facilities

You'll spend most of your time in our bespoke digital media hub, Confetti HQ. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Adobe Software Suite – such as Photoshop and Premier Pro
- Apple Logic Pro X
- Game Maker
- Mac and PC computer suites

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study one of our Level 2 courses:

- BTEC Level 2 Music Technology
- BTEC Level 2 Music Technology & Performance
- AIM Level 2 Games
- BTEC Level 2 Digital Media

**90% of college  
students are  
satisfied with  
studying at Confetti**  
(QDP Student Survey  
Results 2019)



MUSIC

MUSIC

MUSIC





“

**It's such a treat having Metronome - the whole set-up in the studios and performance space allows you to learn and perform in a real-life venue.**

**Lucy Crisp**

**Level 3 Music Performance  
& Songwriting**



**#IMADEIT**

Hear more from our students on how they've made it at Confetti on our website or by scanning this code.

# MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Level  
**BTEC Level Two**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**1 year**

You'll need:  
**4 GCSEs grade 9-3 (A\*-D) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

On this course you'll develop an all-round understanding of the music industry, learning how to use the latest audio software to produce your own music, spend time in the recording studio and working with musicians.

## You'll learn:

- Technical skills in music theory, composition and production
- The working practices necessary to operate a recording studio
- The structure of the music industry, professions and organisations
- How to use ICT hardware, software and music programs
- How to work effectively in a team and individually
- How to work to briefs, supported by real professionals, giving you real industry experience and teaching you how to meet deadlines effectively

## Facilities

You'll have the opportunity to work in Metronome, a world-class music and event complex that boasts 6 recording studios, 14 rehearsal rooms, performance spaces and an auditorium. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Music studios and rehearsal rooms
- Mac and PC computer suites
- Logic music software
- Access to bookable equipment

## After the course

Once you've completed your course, you could go on to study one of our Level 3 courses in:

- BTEC Level 3 Audio & Music Technology
- BTEC Level 3 Technical Events
- BTEC Level 3 Music Performance & Songwriting

The type of role you can expect to enter into after studying may include sound engineer, radio technician, DJ, promoter and music journalist.

**Photo credit:**  
Student band Marty performing at Confetti Live in Metronome



**96% of college students would recommend their course to a friend (QDP Student Survey Results 2019)**



# MUSIC TECHNOLOGY & PERFORMANCE

Level  
**BTEC Level Two**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**1 year**

You'll need:  
**4 GCSEs grade 9-3 (A\*-D) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

This course will help you become the kind of performer you really want to be. Whether performing solo or in a group, you will make music to the best of your ability whilst learning all about the music industry as you go.

## You'll learn:

- The development of musicianship, in both rehearsal and performance
- Technical skills in music theory, composition and production
- The structure of the music industry, including professions and organisations
- How to use ICT hardware, software and music programs
- How to work effectively in a team and individually
- How to work to briefs, supported by real professionals, giving you useful industry experience and teaching you to meet deadlines effectively

## Facilities

You'll have the opportunity to work in Metronome, a world-class music and event complex that boasts 6 recording studios, 14 rehearsal rooms, performance spaces and an auditorium. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Music studios and rehearsal rooms
- Mac and PC computer suites
- Logic music software
- Access to bookable equipment

## After the course

Once you've completed your course, you could go on to study one of our Level 3 courses in:

- BTEC Level 3 Audio & Music Technology
- BTEC Level 3 Technical Events
- BTEC Level 3 Music Performance & Songwriting

The type of role you can expect to enter into after studying may include performer, songwriter, studio musician, music producer and music journalist.

**Photo credit:**  
Student band Ava Saint performing at Splendour Festival 2019



**96% of college students would recommend their course to a friend (QDP Student Survey Results 2019)**

# AUDIO & MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

Set in a world-class venue, develop your music production, sound engineering and DJ skills on this practical course. You'll be taken through all the stages of production, from laying down your original sounds, to mixing, mastering and marketing your final product.

## You'll learn:

- Studio recording techniques
- Creative synthesis and sampling skills
- Music and sound for media products
- Live Performance and DJ techniques
- Live sound
- Entrepreneurial, employment and business skills
- Music technology, and associated hardware and software

## Facilities

You'll have the opportunity to work in Metronome, a world-class music and event complex that boasts 6 recording studios, 14 rehearsal rooms, performance spaces and an auditorium. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Sound recording and editing suites
- Music studios and rehearsal rooms
- Mac and PC computer suites
- Ableton and Logic music software
- Pioneer DJ equipment

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study either a foundation degree (FdSc) or BSc (Hons) in Audio and Music Technology.

The type of role you can expect to enter into after studying may include music producer, studio engineer, live sound engineer, musician, DJ, artist manager, record label owner and music event promoter.

**Photo credit:**  
Student performing  
in independent store,  
MIMM, during Celebrate





# MUSIC PERFORMANCE & SONGWRITING

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

This course is for those performers who dream of performing music live on stage or writing the next big hit. From offering techniques to build your confidence on stage, to creating your own EP and even performing at large-scale music events, this course is a great platform to start your career in the music industry.

## You'll learn:

- How to gain a broad understanding and appreciation of popular music, and its historical significance
- Learn instrumental and vocal skills, music theory and keyboard skills
- Learn how to compose and write music
- Learn stagecraft and performance skills
- Learn practical musicianship
- Learn about music business

## Facilities

You'll have the opportunity to work in Metronome, a world-class music and event complex that boasts 6 recording studios, 14 rehearsal rooms, performance spaces and an auditorium. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Sound recording and editing suites
- Music studios and rehearsal rooms
- Mac and PC computer suites
- Ableton and Logic music software

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study either a foundation degree (FdSc) or BA (Hons) in Music Performance.

The type of role you can expect to enter into after studying may include musician, singer/songwriter, music producer, artist manager, music teacher and event promoter.

**Photo credit:**  
Music performance student BRIA performing in Metronome for BBC Introducing



**91% of students would recommend their course to a friend**  
(QDP Student Survey Results 2019)

# TECHNICAL EVENTS

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

Live events crews are the backbone of the music and entertainment global industries. On this course you'll learn the ins and outs of the live events industry; from PA systems and rigging, lighting equipment and stage lighting, to recording, mixing and stage management.

## You'll learn:

- Live sound and lighting techniques used in industry
- The art of events management, including marketing and promotion
- Music production techniques
- How to set up real industry gigs and performances
- How to succeed in the music and events industry

## Facilities

You'll have the opportunity to work in Metronome, a world-class music and event complex that boasts 6 recording studios, 14 rehearsal rooms, performance spaces and an auditorium. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Professional MIDAS 32 channel analogue mixing console
- 2 Behringer X32 professional digital consoles
- 2 full range PA systems, with stage monitoring
- Full lighting rig, with intelligent moving head fixtures, rigging systems, and professional Avolites consoles

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study either a foundation degree (FdSc) or BSc (Hons) in Live and Technical Events.

The type of role you can expect to go into after studying may include live sound engineer, backline technician, lighting engineer and stage manager.

**Photo credit:**  
Confetti students  
working at Splendour  
Festival 2019



**100% of students  
are satisfied with  
this course**  
(QDP Student  
Survey Results  
2019)



**GAMES**

**GAMES**

**GAMES**



“

The extra opportunities I've been able to work on have been incredible – I got to test a variety of games including some for local companies that I can't talk about yet!

**Adam Heaton**

Level 3 Games Technology



**#IMADEIT**

Hear more from our students on how they've made it at Confetti on our website or by scanning this code.



# GAMES

Level  
**AIM Level Two**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**1 year**

You'll need:  
**4 GCSEs grade 9-3 (A\*-D) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075  
hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

If you love gaming, take the first steps towards an exciting career in the games industry with this course. You'll gain experience in a range of games development techniques, including planning and programming your own 2D game, and creating graphics for game assets and marketing materials.

## You'll learn:

- How to develop your artistic, creative and technical skills
- How to plan and program your own 2D game
- How to use specialist software to create graphics and manipulate images
- The games-testing cycle and how to produce your own bug reports
- How to produce a short intro animation for your game
- How to develop a storyline for your game
- How to work to a creative brief

## Facilities

Taught in our bespoke Confetti HQ, you'll access industry-standard facilities and software, including:

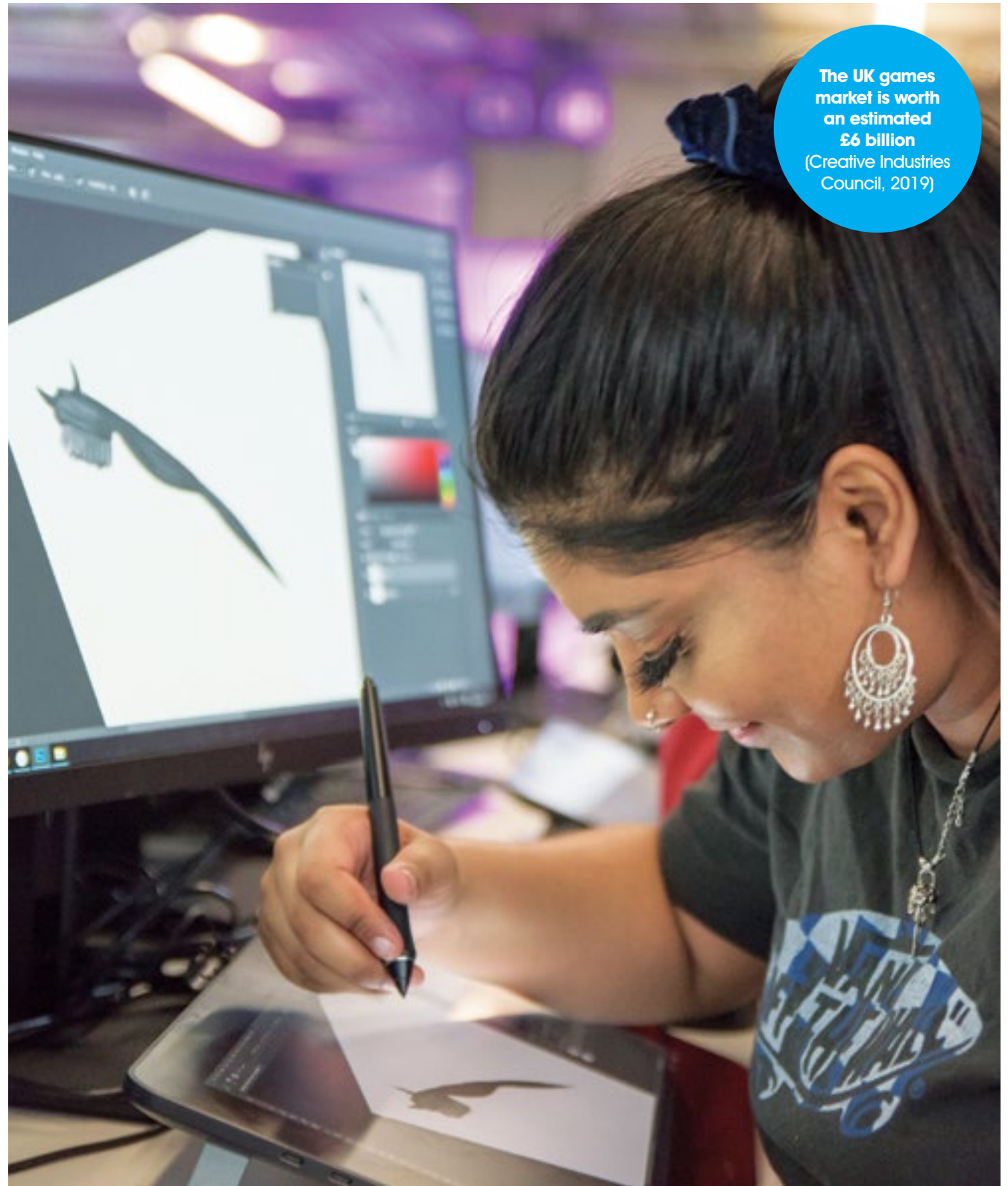
- Adobe Software Suite
- Gamemaker
- Confetti art room
- Mac and PC computer suites

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study one of our Level 3 courses in Games Art or Games Technology.

The type of role you can expect to go into after studying include games tester, concept artist and games asset artist.

**Photo credit:**  
GameJam charity event  
during Industry Week 2019



The UK games market is worth an estimated **£6 billion** (Creative Industries Council, 2019)

# GAMES ART

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

If you have aspirations of joining the games industry, this course will get you that step closer. You'll learn how visual elements of a game are created, developing your drawing, illustration and animation skills for both digital and table-top games.

## You'll learn:

- Create and develop a strong, versatile digital art portfolio
- Create concept art
- Create animations in 2D and 3D
- Create a 3D environment using industry-standard 3D modelling software
- Use narrative imagery to communicate meaning and message to an audience
- Manage the process of games design from initial ideas to finished outcomes
- Develop professionalism, independence and project management skills
- Engage with industry professionals and provide real links to industry opportunities

## Facilities

Taught in our bespoke Confetti HQ, you'll access industry-standard facilities and software, including:

- High spec computers, installed with Adobe
- Creative Suite and 3DS Max
- Games art studios
- Mac and PC computer suites
- Wacom drawing tablets

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study either a foundation degree (FdA) or BA (Hons) in Games Art.

Once you're ready to join the games industry, you could end up in a number of roles, including games artist, art director, 3D modeller, concept artist and storyboard artist.

**Photo credit:**  
Work by games art second-year student Joshua Bastareche

**100% of students are satisfied with this course (QDP Student Survey Results 2019)**





# GAMES TECHNOLOGY

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

If you have always been curious about how games mechanically function, or how you could replicate and enhance systems within games, then this is the course for you! You'll gain the skills needed to create game elements and sequences and develop your technical skills, using industry-standard software.

## You'll learn:

- How the games industry works, and what it takes to have a successful career
- The skills to use industry-standard software, such as the Autodesk Suite, Unity and Unreal Engine
- The development of practical skills across a range of games development practices and techniques
- How to work as part of a project development team
- Games scripting and implementation, in a number of dedicated and integrated development programs
- How to prepare and present material to an industry standard, preparing for employment within a wide range of games industry roles

## Facilities

Taught in our bespoke Confetti HQ, you'll access industry-standard facilities and software, including:

- Autodesk Suite's 3DS Max, Maya and Mudbox
- Unreal and Unity Game Engines
- Adobe Creative Cloud Applications
- Dedicated PC Development Suites

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study either a foundation degree (FdSc) in Games Technology or BSc (Hons) in Games Production.

Once you're ready to join the games industry, you could end up in a number of exciting roles, including: games designer, games programmer, level designer, 3D modeller and QA tester.

**Photo credit:**  
Character creation  
session from Industry  
Week



MEDIA

MEDIA

MEDIA





“

**My favourite moment was making short films with my course group and watching them all back in the cinema room – seeing my film on the big screen made it all seem real.**

**Noor Britton**

Level 3 TV & Film Production



**#IMADEIT**

Hear more from our students on how they've made it at Confetti on our website or by scanning this code.

# DIGITAL MEDIA

Level  
**BTEC Level Two**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**1 year**

You'll need:  
**4 GCSEs grade 9-3 (A\*-D) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

Interested in all things digital media? This course will help you develop your skills in photography, filmmaking, audio recording and lighting for still and moving image.

## You'll learn:

- How to plan and pitch your own ideas for a short film
- How to light, shoot and edit your own short films
- The skills to record and edit audio for your own film productions
- Film production processes
- The skills needed to produce a portfolio of digital still photography
- How to use Adobe Photoshop to manipulate and edit images

## Facilities

You'll spend most of your time in our bespoke digital media hub, Confetti HQ, and Space2, home to our film and TV facilities. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Green screen studio
- Mac and PC computer suites
- Adobe software suite
- Sony DSLR cameras
- Zoom H4N recorders systems

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study one of our Level 3 courses:

- BTEC Level 3 Film & TV Production
- BTEC Level 3 Graphic & Digital Design
- BTEC Level 3 VFX & Animation

The type of role you can expect to enter into after studying may include audio/visual technician, broadcast assistant, photographer and production assistant.

Photo credit:  
Space2 - Green  
Screen Studio



**98% of college students feel they have learnt new skills and abilities**  
(QDP Student Survey Results 2019)



# GRAPHIC & DIGITAL DESIGN

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

Got a passion for graphic design? This course provides an all-round understanding of the design process, and will give you an advanced knowledge of design software packages including Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects and InDesign.

## You'll learn:

- Adobe software packages
- The production of digital graphics for print, digital and moving image
- How to develop ideas, thinking creatively
- Traditional art, design and photography skills to improve your digital work
- How to use graphics tablets to produce a range of projects
- How to successfully complete industry projects, with local creative professionals

## Facilities

You'll spend most of your time in our bespoke digital media hub, Confetti HQ. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- Industry-standard software, such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects and InDesign
- Mac and PC computer suites

## After the course

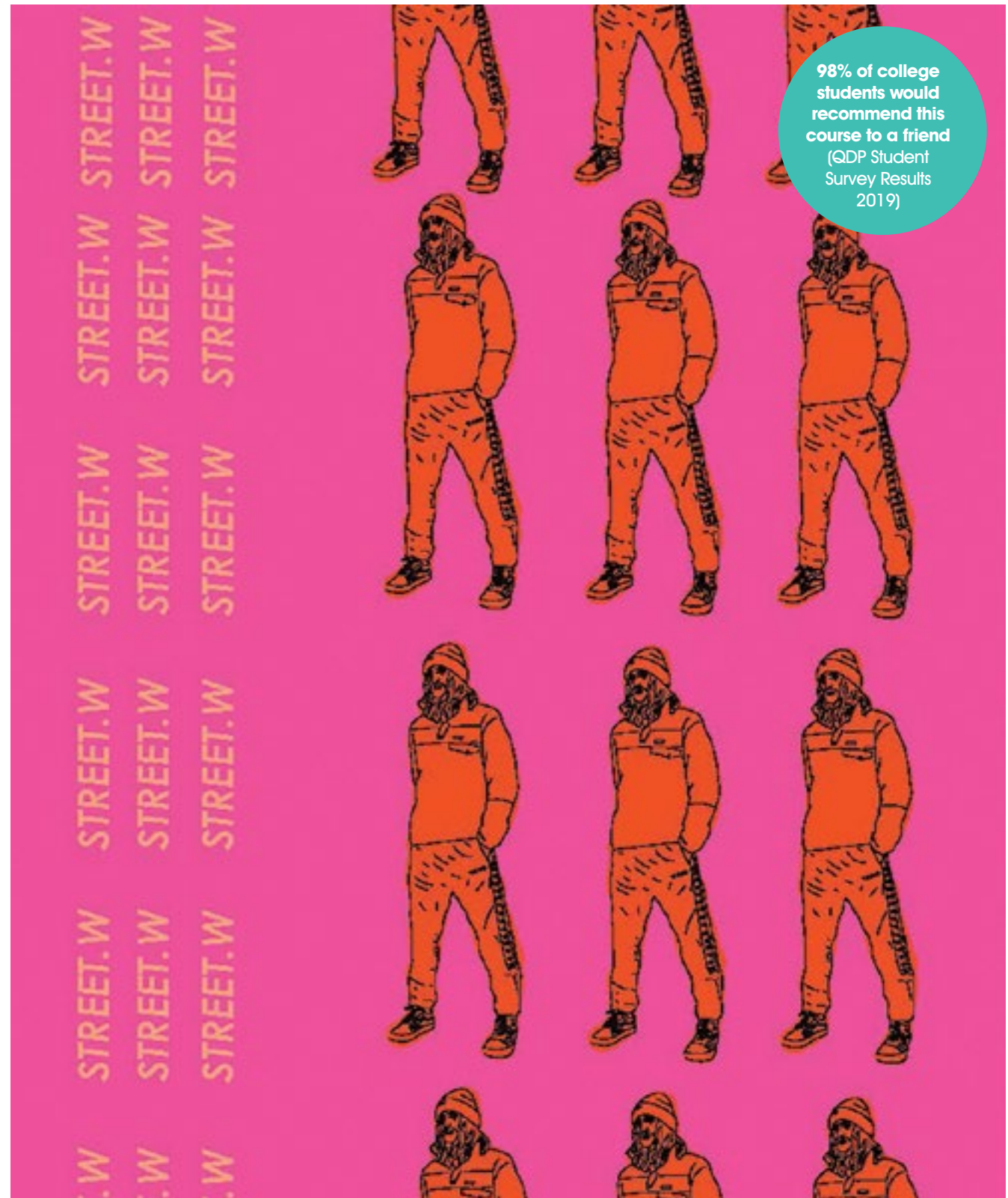
Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study a degree-level course such as:

- FdA/BA (Hons) Games Art
- FdSc/BSc (Hons) Visual Effects Production Technology

The type of role you can expect to go into after studying include graphic designer, animator, illustrator, web designer and artworker.

### Photo credit:

Work by graphic & digital design second-year student Bryn



# FILM & TV PRODUCTION

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

This course will equip you with the important foundations to start a career in a wide range of roles; from an aspiring writer or producer, to cinematographer or director. Combining theory and practice, the course will give you an all-round understanding of the diverse and exciting film and TV industries.

## You'll learn:

- The skills required to create a range of moving image productions - from short films and music videos, to documentaries and promotional videos
- Production and pre/post-production techniques, software and equipment, giving you a clear understanding from concept to delivery
- A wide range of production roles, gaining valuable hands-on experience across a wide range of roles
- How to engage with industry professionals, and make real links to industry opportunities
- How to create a showreel to prepare for a career in the film and TV industry

## Facilities

You'll spend most of your time in our bespoke digital media hub, Confetti HQ, and Space2, home to our film and TV facilities. You'll get the chance to use industry-standard equipment, including:

- A range of broadcast-quality cameras
- Professional grip and lighting gear
- A state-of-the-art TV studio and gallery
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Green screen studio at Space2

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study either a foundation degree (FdSc) or BSc (Hons) in either Film or TV Production Technology.

The type of role you can expect to enter into after studying may include camera operator, cinematographer, editor, producer and director.

**Photo credit:**  
Media students on location in the Peak District

**98% of students are satisfied with this course (QDP Student Survey Results 2019)**





# VFX & ANIMATION

Level  
**BTEC Level Three**

Study mode  
**Full-time**

Duration  
**2 years**

You'll need:  
**5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) including English and Maths**

Contact us  
**+44 (0)115 952 2075**  
**hello@confetti.ac.uk**

## About

With the market growing at a fast pace, there's never been a better time to study VFX and animation, and the UK is leading the way. From animation techniques, to 2D graphics and 3D modelling, this course covers it all. You'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to take you to the next step in becoming an animator or a visual effects specialist, working in film, TV, post-production or games.

## You'll learn:

- How to create and animate 2D graphics
- How to create motion graphics
- Employment skills for the VFX industry
- How to design and create your own stop-motion film
- How to use industry-standard software for creating 3D models and animations
- The skills needed to work on a live industry brief
- How to create 3D content for the Oculus Rift virtual reality headset

## Facilities

You'll have access to industry-standard facilities and software, including:

- Green screen studio at Space2, our Film and TV hub
- Industry-standard software including Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Autodesk Maya, Oculus Rift and Houdini
- High-spec computers, with use of the above software

## After the course

Following successful completion of the course, many students stay at Confetti to study either a foundation degree (FdSc) or BSc (Hons) in Visual Effects Production Technology.

Once you're ready to join the games industry, you could end up in a number of roles, including 2D and 3D animator, 3D modeller and roto and paint artist.

**Photo credit:**  
Student John Palma's work, which saw him win Best Final Major Project at Confetti's VFX Oscars



**100% of student are satisfied with this course (QDP Student Survey Results 2019)**



## HOW TO APPLY

**Based on the course you decide to study, there are various ways of getting your application started and sent through. Applying is a six-step process, and we'll guide you through it from start to finish.**

### 1. Apply

#### Online

Visit [confetti.ac.uk/apply](https://confetti.ac.uk/apply) to apply through our website. Your application will come straight to us, and once it's been processed, we'll give you a call to book an interview.

#### Call us

You can call us on +44 (0)115 952 2075 and start your application over the phone. Our Student Services Team can also give you advice and guidance if you're unsure which course is best for you.

#### By post

If you'd prefer to apply in writing, we can post an application form to you – just give us a call on +44 (0)115 952 2075 to request a paper application form.

#### Visit us at an open day

Come and see us at one of our upcoming open days. You'll get a tour of our facilities, chat with our tutors, and we'll work together to find the right course for you. You can make an application, and walk away with an interview date on the day! To reserve your place visit [confetti.ac.uk/open-days](https://confetti.ac.uk/open-days).

### 2. Interview

Our interviews are relatively informal, and they're nothing to worry about. They're a chance for you to meet our academic team, talk about your interest and passions and find out whether we're the right college with the right course for you. In return, the interview is a chance for us to find out a bit more about you and why you're choosing this course.

### 3. Confirmation letter

Once you've had your interview, hold tight. If we can offer you a place at Confetti, you'll receive a confirmation letter posted to the address provided on your application form, normally within two to three weeks, if not sooner.

### 4. Accept your place

You might be jumping for joy, or you might need a little more time to think about your place at Confetti. Either way, once you've made your decision, you'll need to let us know that you're intending to join us in the autumn. Details about how to accept your place will be on your confirmation letter.

### 5. Receive enrolment date

Enrolment happens in mid-August. You'll join us at Confetti to pick up your student card and officially enrol onto your course. You'll meet your course team

and get a flavour of what you'll have to look forward to on your course. Look out for your official enrolment date, which will be posted out to you in advance.

### 6. Celebrate your place

That's it! Once you've received your confirmation letter and enrolment date, you can start the countdown to joining us. You're on your way to becoming a Confetti student!

If you need any help or advice, call us on +44 (0)115 952 2075 or email [hello@confetti.ac.uk](mailto:hello@confetti.ac.uk)





## SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

**At Confetti, you'll find a wide range of student services from dedicated academic and pastoral teams, through to our Student Services and Additional Learning Support teams – all geared up to help you get the most out of your time here.**

### Student Services

Throughout your time at Confetti you'll have the one-to-one support of a personal tutor, as well as your course tutors.

In addition, there's a whole range of different Student Services available, including:

- Information, advice and guidance on every aspect of your course and being a student at Confetti
- Help with study skills and additional learning support
- Pastoral support such as mentoring and finance advice
- Enrichment activities designed to help you get the most from your time here

### Student Forum

Have your say and help us continually improve our courses. Via the forums you can give us your views and feedback on every aspect of your experience – so that we can make it even better. Get elected as a Course Rep and you'll help to put forward the views of your course classmates too.

### Become a Student Ambassador

Get involved in helping to shape events and workshops, represent Confetti at recruitment fairs and get some amazing work experience to help develop your CV.

#### CONTACT US

hello@confetti.ac.uk  
+44 (0)115 952 2075

For more information, visit [confetti.ac.uk/sst](https://confetti.ac.uk/sst).



“

**The support is one of the best things about Confetti. I've had so much help from tutors and other staff members, helping me enrol with CAMHS and checking in with me regularly.**

**If you come to Confetti, you won't ever feel alone – there's always someone, or a whole team, looking out for you.**

**Aleisha Glover**  
Level 3 Games Art

### Additional Learning Support (ALS)

Our ALS team will assess the support requirements of all students who declare a support need. If you feel that you require support you will be guided through our support assessment process.

Support is intended to enable access to learning for all students, whilst increasing a student's ability to work independently. We recognise that students are individuals, so how support is delivered will be different for everyone and can range from simple drop in sessions, through to individualised support

packages for those with more complex difficulties. We take a partnership approach to support and encourage input from the student, parents, supporters and other professionals.

The ALS team also work closely with curriculum areas to develop an inclusive curriculum that reduces barriers to learning.

For more information, visit [confetti.ac.uk/als](https://confetti.ac.uk/als).

## FEES & FUNDING

**We're here to help you with any problems or queries you may have around fees and funding.**

### **Will I have to pay for my college course at Confetti?**

#### **16 – 18 years old**

No! Your college course is fully funded and you won't need to pay to study with us.

#### **19 + years old**

Yes, you may have to pay fees to cover the cost of your course. You'll be assessed each year, and the amount you'll pay may change with each assessment.

In 2019–2020, the fees were £1,000 per year. Fees change each year, so these are supplied as a guide only.

### **Talk to us about your circumstances**

In some circumstances, course fees may be waived in part, or in full, depending on your circumstances or if you have an EHCP.

If you are 19 or over, we recommend you contact our Student Services Team on **+44 (0)115 952 2075** to discuss your personal situation.

### **How to pay your fees (if applicable)**

We know that paying everything up front sounds a bit daunting, so we've made paying your fees as easy as possible.

#### **Choose to pay by either:**

- In full, at enrolment (at the start of your first term, in the autumn)
- Sign a direct debit agreement which allows you to break your fees down into four, more manageable payments. There's no administration fee for this facility. The first payment must be paid at your enrolment session.



**CONTACT US**  
hello@confetti.ac.uk  
+44 (0)115 952 2075



## THINKING ABOUT UNIVERSITY

Once you've finished your college course, you could go straight into industry, equipped with the skills and experience that you've developed during your time here. Alternatively, you could choose to stay and develop your specialism and study an undergraduate course - we offer foundation (FdSc/FdA) and full honours degree options (BSc/BA).

### We offer degree courses in:

- Audio and Music Technology
- Music Performance
- Live and Technical Events
- Television Production Technology
- Film Production Technology
- Visual Effects Production
- Games Art
- Games Technology

### Reasons to continue your study

Gain a degree delivered in partnership with Nottingham Trent University (NTU), one of the UK's largest and most popular universities. Benefit from access to NTU's gym, library, Students' Union, and learning facilities.

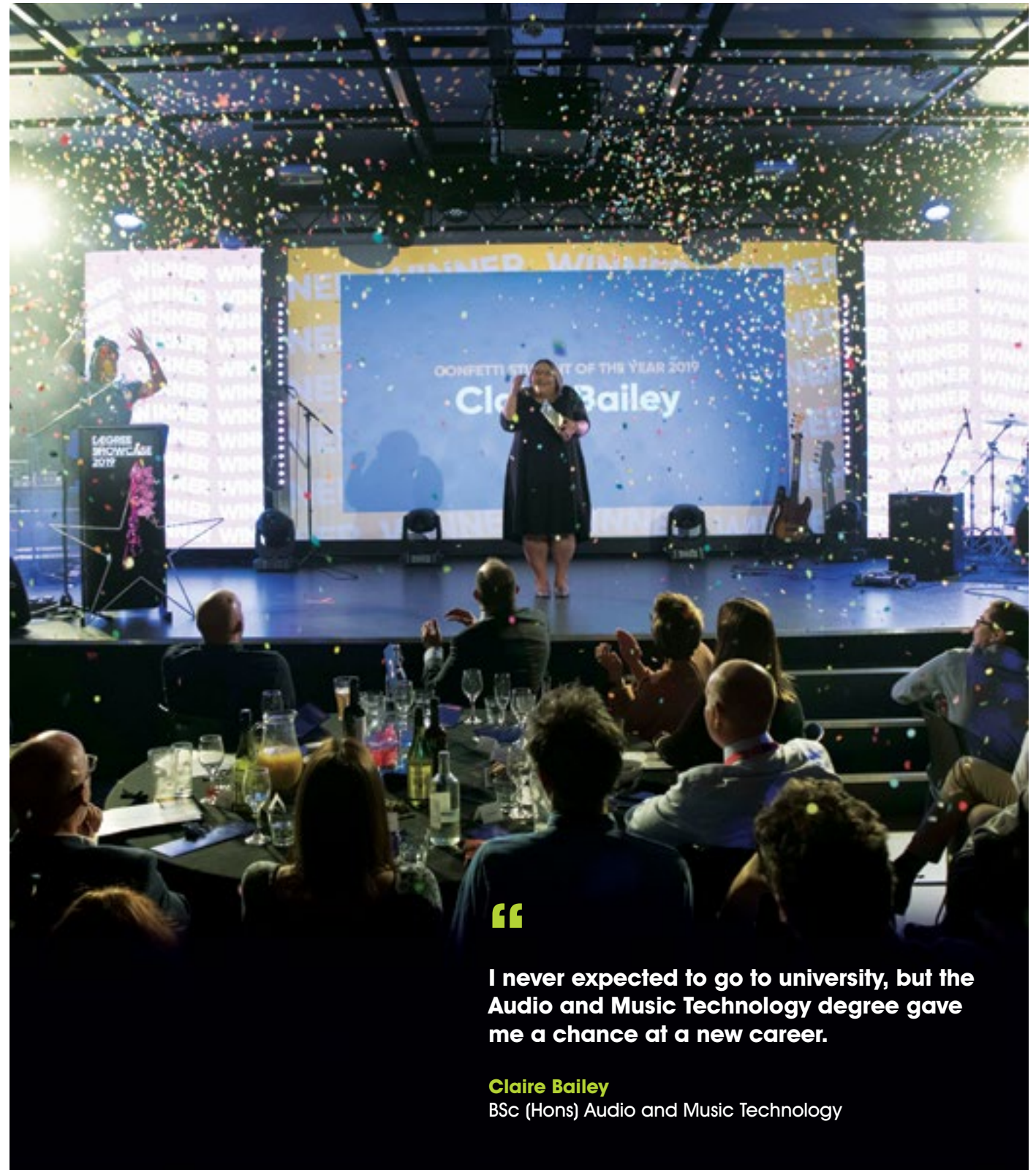
Study something you love for longer. An undergraduate degree builds on the foundations that you will have developed on your college course, helping you direct your studies towards your personal areas of interest whilst putting yourself ahead of the competition in a competitive graduate market.

To browse our degree courses go to [confetti.ac.uk/degree-courses-nottingham](https://confetti.ac.uk/degree-courses-nottingham)

#### CONTACT US

[hello@confetti.ac.uk](mailto:hello@confetti.ac.uk)  
+44 (0)115 952 2075

**Photo credit:**  
Claire Bailey winning Student of the Year 2019 award at the Degree Showcase Awards ceremony



“

**I never expected to go to university, but the Audio and Music Technology degree gave me a chance at a new career.**

**Claire Bailey**

BSc (Hons) Audio and Music Technology



## PARTNERSHIPS

**We are a well-connected bunch at Confetti. From the British Games Institute to BBC Radio 1, our network extends way beyond our campus in Nottingham. That means we create opportunities for you to work with the industries you want to work in.**

### The Confetti Media Group

Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies is part of the Confetti Media Group, a family of companies committed to developing creativity and to driving new and innovative approaches to business and education.

These include the award-winning local TV station Notts TV, Antenna Media Centre, Spool Films and new cross media centre, Metronome. Together, they form a dynamic network, offering access to knowledge, skills and industry.

### Our Parent Company

Confetti is part of Nottingham Trent University and as our parent company, they offer exciting opportunities for students to progress onto degree courses.

### Our Education Partners

Our college-level courses are run in partnership with national providers of creative industry courses, Access Creative College. In addition, eligible college students studying with Access can progress onto a degree course at Confetti.





GETTING HERE

Confetti's Campus is located in the heart of Nottingham's Creative Quarter and is easy to get to with great transport links.

Car

Nottingham is in the East Midlands and is easily reached by motorway. If you're coming from the north, south or west, use the M1 motorway, exiting at Junction 26 to reach the city. From the east, you can take the A52 into the city centre.

There are a limited number of pay-and-display parking spaces on King Edward Street, Brook Street and Bath Street. Car parks are also near Confetti's main Convent Street site, and music and events hub, Metronome on Brook Street, Huntingdon Street and Glasshouse Street (Victoria Centre).

Our film and TV hub, Space2, has parking facilities on Handel Street and Garnet Court – just a 3 minute walk away. You can pay for Nottingham on-street parking using cash, debit/credit cards and the Ringo app.

Coach

National Express coach services operate from Station Street, which is a 15 – 20 minute walk from our campus. If you're travelling from Derby, the Red Arrow runs every 10 minutes, non-stop down the A52.

Rail

Nottingham Rail Station is a 15 – 20 minute walk from our campus. You can take the East Midlands Train service if you're travelling from Beeston, Alferton or Derby.

Tram

The NET tram runs between the rail station and many local areas, including Bulwell, Hucknall, Clifton and Radford. Our closest stop is a five minute walk away, in the Lace Market.

Bus

Thanks to our prime location in the city centre, there are bus routes connecting us to the surrounding areas. Many of these arrive outside intu Victoria Centre, which is a short walk from our campus.

CONFETTI CREATIVE QUARTER CAMPUS

- 1 CONFETTI HQ
- 2 METRONOME
- 3 SPACE2



## OPEN DAYS

Visit us at one of our upcoming open days – you'll get the chance to tour our facilities, have a chat with our tutors, and we'll work together to find the right course for you.

### 2019

Saturday 19 October 2019  
Saturday 16 November 2019

### 2020

Make sure to visit our website to stay updated for our upcoming open days at [confetti.ac.uk/opendays](https://confetti.ac.uk/opendays)

### Schools

Throughout the year, our Schools Liaison team visit schools and colleges to talk to students about careers in the creative industries. Their activities include in-school careers events and assemblies, interactive sessions, tours, and experience days at Confetti.

Get in touch with our team and find out more at [confetti.ac.uk/schools](https://confetti.ac.uk/schools)



CONTACT US  
[hello@confetti.ac.uk](mailto:hello@confetti.ac.uk)  
+44 (0)115 952 2075

# Get in touch with us today

If you've got a question, we're here to help. Call us on **+44 (0)115 952 2075** or email us at **[hello@confetti.ac.uk](mailto:hello@confetti.ac.uk)**



### Term time opening hours

**Confetti HQ:** 8am - 9pm  
**Metronome:** 8.30am - 6pm  
**Space2:** 8.30am - 6pm

Visit us at **[confetti.ac.uk](https://confetti.ac.uk)**



Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies  
6-10 Convent Street  
Nottingham  
NG1 3LL

T: +44 (0)115 952 2075  
E: [hello@confetti.ac.uk](mailto:hello@confetti.ac.uk)

Please note that whilst Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies has taken all reasonable steps to ensure the accuracy of the content within this prospectus at the time of printing, Confetti reserves the right to remove, vary or amend content of the prospectus at any time. For avoidance of doubt, the information provided within the content of this prospectus is for guidance purposes only.

**CONFETTI.AC.UK**

PART OF  
**NOTTINGHAM**  
TRENT UNIVERSITY 