

## 1ST YEAR ART AND DESIGN STUDIES 2019/2020

Dear Student,

Congratulations on gaining entry to the National College of Art and Design and welcome to **1st Year Art and Design Studies / Art, Design and Education**. First Year Studies is housed in the School of Design for Industry Building in Thomas Street, on the main campus and is close to all facilities of the College; to the Library, Canteen and other relevant facilities.

**Registration** - begins During the week 9– 13<sup>th</sup> September. You will be informed which days by the Admissions office. Please give Admissions your own mobile number incase we need to contact you during your studies in First Year. During this week you will be scheduled to attend an induction day including a Library induction tour, which is part of your Learning and Professional Practice Module. You will be given your first online questionnaire assignment based on this tour.

Trimester I begins on **16th September**. Please note: there is **no-mid trimester break during the First Year Art and Design Studies** . Please make your families and friends aware of this and make sure that nobody presumes you have ‘mid-term breaks’.

All students, including Common Entry and all Direct Entry pathways, will participate in the interdisciplinary 1st trimester, these first trimester modules will introduce you to a broad range of art and design practices through a series of interdisciplinary activities and projects.

There are some things you require on the 16th September:

- **MATERIALS** - Please see attached list, this has an ‘essential’ and an ‘optional’ element. This comprises the biggest initial outlay which you will need immediately but you will be required to replenish and add to this list as the year progresses. Your tutors will advise you in this matter.

Recommended references: Please see our recommended reference and reading list. These are strictly references and there is no requirement to purchase these.

Visual Culture will supply a reading list in relation to the Visual Culture programme. You may be given other reading references from First Year Studies staff during the year.

**Sourcing project** (enclosed) You are required to do this small project in preparation for the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester which commences on 16th September.

Your tutors ask that you bring a representative sample of your work from your portfolio, along with your notebooks.

The staff and I wish you every success and look forward to meeting and working with you.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Department