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Loreto College's Arts and Languages Faculty fosters excellence and creativity across a wide range of visual and performing art subjects, modern foreign languages and English. From Photography to Film, Performing Arts to Spanish, English Literature to Music there is a subject to spark every creative talent. With inspiring teaching and facilities across the College campus, in the Ellis and Kennedy building, the Chapel and in Ball building there is a home for every student to develop their talents.

Claire Joseph
Head of Faculty



MEDIA STUDIES

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A level Media Studies is for students who want to learn about how media content is produced. On the course you will expand your knowledge of how a variety of media industries work and the effect these industries have on audiences. You will also have the opportunity to produce your own moving image and web based media content in the practical coursework unit.

You will develop your analytical and interpretative skills, whilst gaining an insight into how a range of media industries operate. The coursework unit allows you to develop practical skills in filming, editing and web design, using industry standard software like Final Cut Pro.

Many students go on to media-related degrees and apprenticeships in areas such as film, television, advertising, radio and digital marketing.

Past students have gone on to a range of degree courses in subjects as diverse as English Literature, Law and Architecture.

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**PRODUCE YOUR OWN
MOVING IMAGE AND
WEB BASED MEDIA**



FILM STUDIES

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/FILM-STUDIES

A level Film Studies is for students who want to immerse themselves in a wide variety of films from different countries and different eras. You will study everything from modern British and American cinema, through global cinema, to 1920s silent film. Additionally, the coursework unit offers the opportunity to create a screenplay for a short film, developing creativity and screenwriting skills.

You will develop a strong understanding of film language and hone your analytical and interpretative skills whilst watching a range of films. You will develop screenwriting skills in the coursework unit and learn how to use screenwriting software.

Many students go on to film-related degree courses.

Past students have studied for a wide range of degree courses including English Literature, Architecture, Fine Art, Law, History and even Dentistry!

The department has a very active and engaging careers provision. Each

year we arrange a number of enrichment opportunities including BBC Young Reporters and the We Call the Shots project for young women. We also invite a number of industry guest speakers and run one-off seminars on starting your career in the creative industries. In addition, we arrange a variety of trips and visits ranging from free film viewings, tours of the BBC at MediaCityUK, right through to trips away to London, and New York. Finally, our students often win the opportunity to take part in the very prestigious British Film Academy for film and animation production.



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**BBC YOUNG REPORTERS
AT MEDIACITYUK, WE
CALL THE SHOTS PROJECT
& VISITS TO LONDON**



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3D DESIGN

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/THREE-DIMENSIONAL-DESIGN

The 3D Design course at Loreto enables students to explore a range of materials and processes in order to create three-dimensional outcomes. These can be decorative or functional pieces. Starting points include architectural, man-made and natural structures, and may include texture, surface, form and shape.



Final outcomes may be architectural, lighting, sculpture, body adornment, product design, commercial ceramics and 3D design. Students are encouraged to be imaginative and expressive through the manipulation of materials and engagement in the design process. Being based in the centre of Manchester means that our students have enviable access to world-class gallery collections and design exhibitions: Manchester Museum, Manchester Art Gallery, The Whitworth Gallery and Manchester Craft & Design Centre. Our students go on to further study and careers in architecture, product design, interior/spatial design, set design, model making, design for television, stage and film, furniture design and transport design.



FINE ART

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/FINE-ART

The Fine Art course at Loreto encourages students to go on their own creative journey, giving them the skills to create their own visual language. We very much want your Art experience to be exciting and to challenge you creatively, as well as develop social, interpersonal and communicative skills.

Throughout the course learners will explore, research and acquire techniques which develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in a range of media. We offer a broad-based A level Art & Design course that gives students the opportunity to experience a range of specialist areas before making informed choices about the areas in which they would like to specialise.

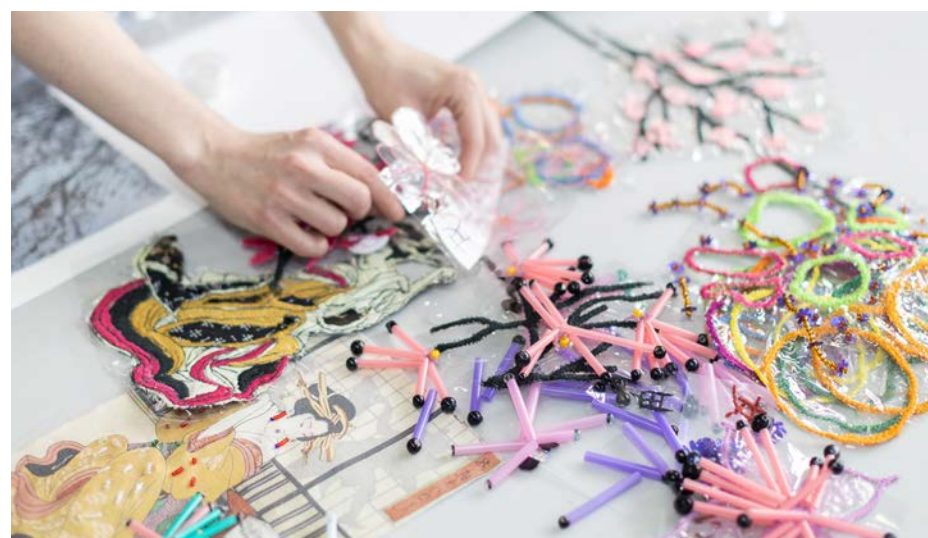


FASHION AND TEXTILES

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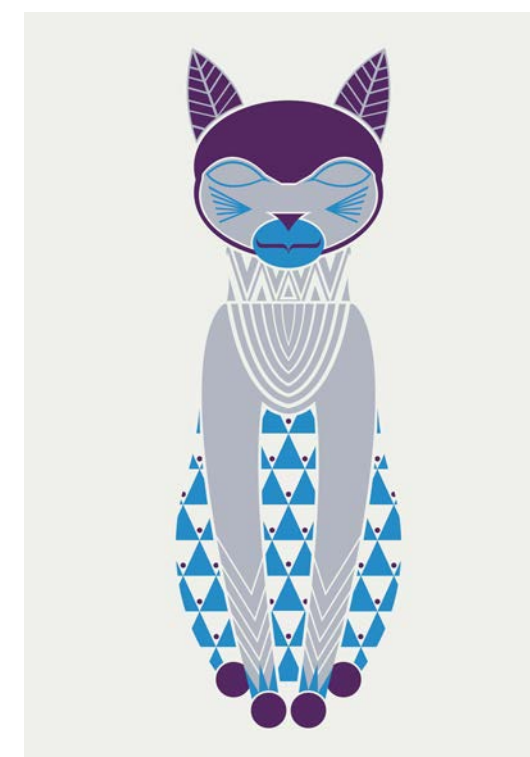
Recent statistics show the hugely important contribution that the UK creative industries make to our economy. The Textile Design course at Loreto recognises this and aims to develop relevant skills in young people, which can be transferred to a wide range of areas with an emphasis on art, fashion, textiles and costume.

Links with outside organisations are continually being made and in recent years, students have worked with fashion labels including Longshaw-Ward, Éthologie and Leutton-Postle, as well as participating in workshops delivered by the Costume Department of the Royal Exchange Theatre. Second-year students worked to a live brief set by Manchester Art Gallery, resulting in a high profile fashion show and exhibition at the gallery. Opportunities such as these enable students to consider Textile Design in a wider context and understand how studying this subject could influence their own futures.



GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/GRAPHIC-COMMUNICATION



With the demand and ever-increasing need for App Designers, Website Developers and Graphic Designers, Graphic Communication is a subject that introduces you to the possibilities for a future within the creative industry.

We have visiting lecturers and strongly encourage and support students in gaining work experience in industry. During the course, students have direct access to equipment including Canon DSLRs, Wacom tablets and a photo studio, as well as the full Adobe Creative Cloud package.

Students will explore a range of techniques, including both digital and handmade approaches, and create an online blog for their portfolio. They will

discover what it means to communicate visually their ideas to the public, as well as grasp the principle of design theory. Students have gone on to study illustration, animation, product design, graphic communication and marketing.



PHOTOGRAPHY

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/PHOTOGRAPHY

Studying Photography at Loreto College means working in an environment as close to industry standard as possible. Students benefit from direct access to equipment from our large store of Canon digital SLR cameras, Manfrotto tripods, long lenses and flash guns.

Students also have access to a studio camera, lighting and a full-length backdrop for students to use in class or to book during lunch and free periods. To complement the digital work we run workshops in darkroom skills, alternative printing techniques, book making and portfolio building.

New techniques and project management skills are also introduced and students are encouraged to be creative, experimental and to push boundaries.

Our students receive offers from some of the most prestigious degree courses in the UK, including Glasgow, Brighton and Falmouth.



DRAMA AND THEATRE

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/DRAMA-AND-THEATRE-STUDIES

A level Drama and Theatre is for students seeking the opportunity to study all aspects of the stage: acting, directing, set design, costume design, lighting and sound. A level students will study a range of plays and theatre practitioners, applying various rehearsal methodologies and performance techniques to their studies.

You will develop your analytical, interpretative and evaluative skills and become an informed theatre critic. Through practical group work, you will perform devised and scripted drama, working as a member of a team and improve your social and communication skills.

Many of our students go into directing, acting, journalism, writing, broadcasting, marketing and teaching.



PERFORMING ARTS

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/PERFORMING-ARTS

In the BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts students will study seven units over the two years, developing a range of skills using a number of theatrical styles, such as physical theatre, naturalism, political theatre, theatre for children, Commedia dell'arte and classical theatre. This is a qualification which is recognised by well-established drama schools and universities, equivalent to one A level.

Within the first year, Lower Sixth students develop skills, ranging from understanding and performing naturalism, to developing more non-naturalistic styles of performance, such as epic theatre and physical theatre. Students develop fundamental skills of rehearsal and performance, readying them for their next steps.

In the Upper Sixth year, second year students explore classical and contemporary theatre. They stage a full-scale performance of a published play to examiners, parents, teachers and friends alike, in our purpose-built Ellis and Kennedy Theatre. Students

also devise work in response to a live brief as an emerging theatre company.

This course can lead to a number of different careers including acting, directing, choreography, writing, broadcasting, media, marketing and many more!

All students will have a meaningful work placement in a professional theatre setting as part of the two year course.

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COLLEGE MUSICAL
MANCEP SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
COLLEGE PLAY



COLLEGE PERFORMANCES

Loreto's state-of-the-art, purpose built Ellis and Kennedy Theatre hosts numerous theatrical successes through the academic year. The events listed below are open to all students; there is no need to study drama or performing arts to get involved.

COLLEGE MUSICAL

After last year's production of '9 to 5' this year saw Loreto's singers, dancers and musicians scale magnificent new heights with their splendid presentation of the internationally acclaimed musical Chicago.

MANCEP SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Each year, Loreto is proud to perform in and host the MANCEP Shakespeare Festival, working alongside seven other institutions. All present a short extract from one of Shakespeare's plays.

COLLEGE PLAY

If musical theatre isn't for you, there are plenty of other opportunities. Each year, the Performing Arts Department holds open auditions for the College play. Past shows include, 'Our Country's Good', 'A Servant of Two Masters', 'The Importance of Being Earnest', 'The Government Inspector', '1984', 'The Bacchae', 'After Juliet' and 'Remote'.





MUSIC

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/MUSIC

A level Music explores music through performance, composition appraising and studying a range of repertoire and styles including western classical and musical theatre. Music is a compulsory course for most music degrees and can be used to complement any other degree course including Medicine. All A level Music students also work towards theory exams offered by ABRSM and LCM.

The aim of the specification is to provide a balanced course in Music and at the same time give scope for the development of individual interests and aptitudes.

Students are encouraged to: listen to and appreciate a wide range of music genres, study and practise critical listening and develop performing skills. This course offers opportunities for practical musicians and is also designed to challenge students who wish to deepen their musical understanding and technical skills.

For students who study this course there are direct opportunities in music administration, performing, teaching, composing, arranging and editing, publishing, recording and production and music therapy. The transferable skills embedded through A level Music can apply to virtually any work sector.



CREATIVE DANCE

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/DANCE

Creative Dance is an exciting new opportunity for students to use their dance training to achieve a qualification in performance and choreography. Students will study an extensive range of practical dance styles, and choreograph their own work, and have the opportunity to enter for a Bronze Arts Award. Some students will work towards a graded dance qualification, dependent on experience.

Loreto students have enrolled successfully in prestigious dance schools and universities in the UK, including Italia Conti, London Studio Centre, Urdang Academy and Roehampton University.

Loreto dancers continue to involve themselves in the greater dance community and engage in extracurricular activities. They audition successfully for roles in performances and projects, including the English Youth Ballet, National Youth Dance Company, CAT Programme (Centre for Advanced Training) at the Lowry, New Adventures 'Dance on Water' project, and Chameleon Youth.

A RISING STAR

Former Loreto student Matthew Rawcliffe studied at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance and achieved major success in the prestigious BBC Young Dancer Competition. Following two competitive rounds, twenty dancers were shortlisted for the Category Finals. The Contemporary Final saw Matthew perform on his home turf at Salford's Lowry Theatre, where he



has performed many times as part of the Lowry CAT programme. A highly competitive event saw each dancer perform two solo pieces and a duo, before Matthew emerged victorious and advanced to the televised Grand Final in Birmingham. Despite not winning this time, Matthew again performed with distinction at this extremely high profile event.



ROCK AND POP MUSIC ENRICHMENT

LORETO.AC.UK/COURSES/ROCK-AND-POP-MUSIC

At Loreto, we are offering a unique opportunity to study music qualifications through a bespoke enrichment programme that can sit alongside your other subject choices.



In Rock and Pop Band, you will be given weekly ensemble rehearsal sessions, where you will be individually coached and taught working practices for a career as a professional musician. The bands will be given gigging opportunities, as well as the option to enter into graded examinations.

In Rock and Pop Music Production, you will learn a wide range of music production and sound recording techniques required to create modern Pop, Rock, Urban, and Electronic genres, all using Logic Pro X software within our specialist iMac suite. Students will be given the opportunity to study for pleasure, or enter into a graded examination at the end of the year.



MUSIC PERFORMANCES

The Music Department at Loreto offers students a wide range of extracurricular projects, including participation in a variety of ensembles, such as the Percussion Group, Jazz Band, String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Pop Choir and Ukulele Group.

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BAND ON THE WALL
ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC
HIDDEN GEM
THE HOLY NAME





ENGLISH

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Loreto offers A levels in English Language, English Literature and English Language and Literature.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

A level English Literature is for students who enjoy reading and discussing novels, poetry and plays. You will study texts from across a wide time period and in many different genres, from Chaucer to the modern day.

You will develop your analytical skills via class discussions, presentations and essay writing. You will develop a close eye for selecting detailed evidence and producing a well-informed argument. A level English Literature provides excellent preparation for careers in teaching, the creative arts, marketing, journalism, science, writing and many more.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A level English Language allows students to place their own knowledge of written and spoken communication in a more academic framework. The course content is varied and ranges from the study of Twitter to looking at the evolution of the English Language. You will develop your analytical and interpretative skills in relation to spoken and written texts. Through independent research, classroom discussion and essay writing you will develop your interpersonal and communication skills. Many of our A level Language students will go on to study Linguistics or a related degree like journalism.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

A level English Language and Literature is for students who enjoy reading and discussing novels, poetry and plays and are also interested in non-fiction writing. The course offers the chance to study a wide range of texts, both literature and journalism, and produce creative writing. A level students will study 'The Great Gatsby', 'A Streetcar Named Desire', Philip Larkin's poetry and an anthology of non-fiction texts. You will develop your analytical skills via class discussions, presentations and essays and creative writing. This A level is also excellent preparation for careers in teaching, the creative arts, journalism and many more.

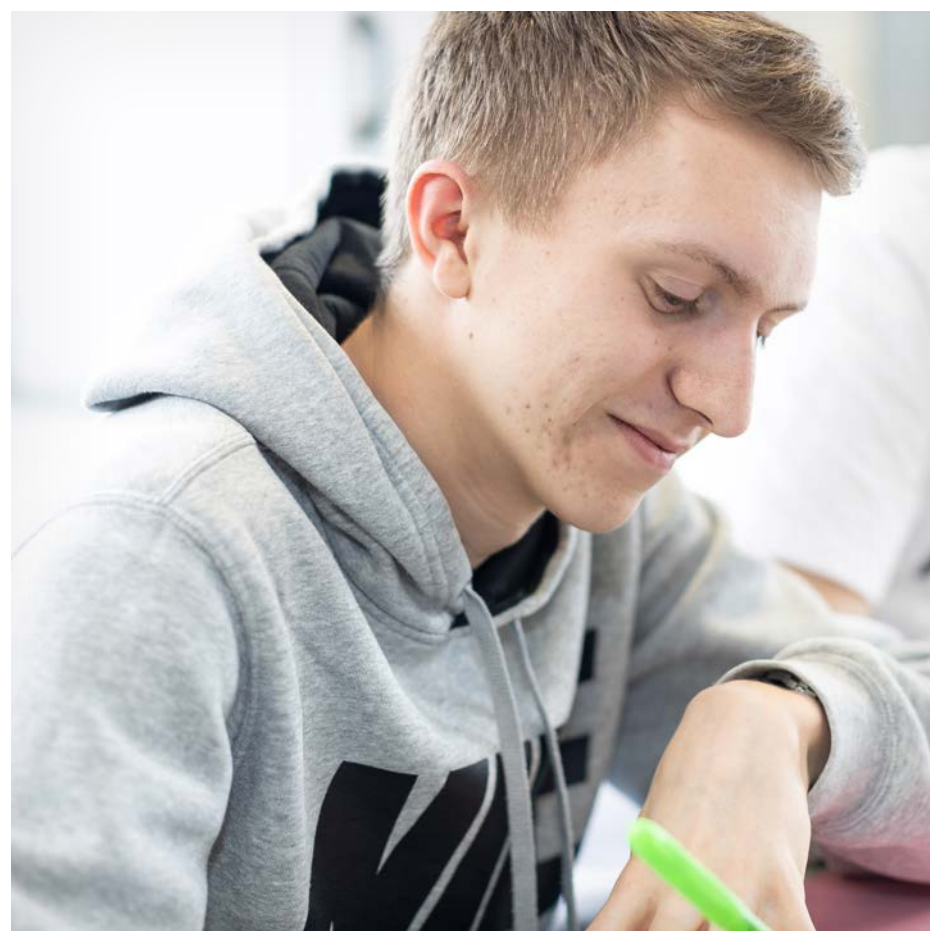
CREATIVE WRITING

The College has a very successful Creative Writing enrichment activity and Manchester Muse, Loreto's own e-magazine, gives our students a rare opportunity to publish pieces of their own writing in a safe, friendly and constructive environment. It is a great way to build up a public writing portfolio before going off to university or work. We accept all forms of creative and original writing, including news articles and comment pieces, short stories, poetry, anecdotes and essays.

The Department offers a number of enrichment opportunities including theatre trips and a book club.

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THEATRE TRIPS AND BOOK CLUB



MODERN LANGUAGES

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Modern Languages offered at Loreto include French, German, Spanish, Italian and Chinese (Mandarin).

An A level in a language will give you the edge you need to get into popular and competitive careers. If you study a language A level, you may be thinking of careers such as advertising, the diplomatic service, translating and interpreting, merchant banking, export marketing, the civil service – as well as the possibility of working at a variety of levels in industries such as the hospitality sector.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRIPS

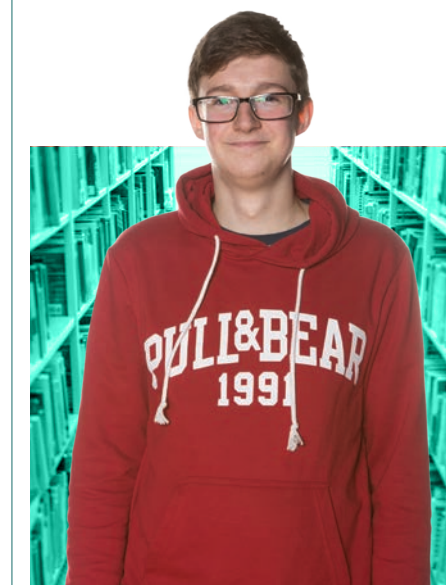
Students have been offered the opportunity to take part in a range of work experience placements and trips abroad.

Loreto Language students have taken part in work experience in Germany, France and Spain. This gives students vital experience of working using the language they're studying.

Students have also taken part in a range of other trips including cultural trips to Spain, Italy and China and exchanges with Germany.

“TEACHERS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THEIR SUBJECTS REALLY IMPROVE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE.”

Ben Gibson



ENRICHMENT

WORK EXPERIENCE TRIPS AND TRANSLATION COMPETITIONS



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