



A project that allowed students to gain GCSE level accreditation in addition to their existing school curriculum. This was delivered as part of a professional public art project.

A community street art mural project in Guildford helped gain its participant's a BTEC in Visual Arts (equivalent to one GCSE) in just 10 weeks.

For the first time in UK history, a project for targeted students allowed them to gain an accreditation in addition to their existing school curriculum, whilst working in collaboration with street artists on a professional public mural. Designed and managed by Signal, this project forged a successful partnership between Guildford Borough and Surrey County Councils, Surrey Youth Development Service, and Ash Manor and Connaught Secondary Schools.

Artists at Signal have been working in partnership with education consultants

Beyond Knowledge to develop accreditation through the medium of Street Art. Beyond Knowledge is an education consultancy that specialises in bespoke curriculum development and delivery. This was the first time a BTEC Level 2 in Visual Arts was delivered working with Street Art.

Signal were asked to create a public mural in a pedestrian subway in Tongham working with two secondary school groups; the project offered the perfect opportunity to deliver our tailored BTEC.

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Key artists and Beyond Knowledge staff worked with 16 talented year 10 and 11 art students from both schools, to cover a range of street art techniques, history and application, whilst also developing the concept and design for the subway walls.

The Level 2 BTEC was delivered over 40 contact hours, after school and during the half-term break. In addition to creating artworks, developing sketchbooks and producing written materials, the students output included a 60 metre public mural project that they all had a hand in completing.

As a standalone accreditation the BTEC can be delivered on its own without a mural project attached, but the experience for the students involved was greatly enhanced by

participating in a real street art project within their community.

With adjustments made to the delivery time, our BTEC courses can be applied to young people between 14-19 of all levels. For example, if delivered within a pupil referral unit, it is recommended the course be delivered over an academic year.

"The Signal team were excellent to work with. The students were so motivated with the project it was fantastic to see! Working on such a large scale has taught the students not only about this type of artwork, but about their own strengths and capabilities. It has been a great experience for all involved."

Clare Maddison, Head of Art
Ash Manor

"I have now worked with Signal Project on four separate murals... In my experience, the artists from Signal Project have been fantastic at engaging the young people in the whole process of creating these stunning pieces of public art... I would rate Signal Project as one of the best and most professional organisations offering this service."

Gareth Palmer, Youth Development Worker (Arts), Surrey Youth Service

"Thank you for such an awesome experience! I would love to do it again!"

Kira, participating student

"I have learnt lots about 'Street Art'. I gained a lot by seeing this type of art through different eyes. It was great to work with different people, knowing we would all produce one large mural at the end."

Hannah, participating student