

# NCD A Level Fine Art

What you need to  
complete for your  
portfolio submission.



# Overall Summary

Your portfolio will consist of 3 parts:

1. **Be Inspired:** choose a photographer to gain inspiration from.
2. **Develop:** this will require you to take inspiration from the photographer to come up with ideas for your own practical responses in the form of photography, drawing, painting etc.
3. **Make:** you will then be asked to create a set of practical work in response to your ideas. This will be a photoshoot and a set of practical pieces.

**Your portfolio should be emailed as photos or a PDF to [vatech@ncdoncaster.ac.uk](mailto:vatech@ncdoncaster.ac.uk). Deadline info below...**

For students who have been interviewed between our first interview evening (5th November 2024) and our third interview evening (11th March 2025) the deadline for portfolio submission is **Friday 23rd May 2025**. For students who have been interviewed on our fourth interview evening (5th June 2025) the deadline for portfolio submission is **Friday 27th of June**.

No portfolio submissions will be accepted after the dates specified above.



# Photoshoot

Choose a photographer from this list [Inspirational Photographers.pdf](#)

Take a set of photographs inspired by their style/ subject matter and technique. There is no right or wrong here. I want to see your creative decision making and originality. Take up to 30 photographs. Choose and submit your best 6.

Submit a paragraph to explain how you developed your ideas for the photoshoot.

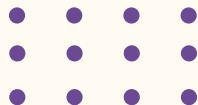
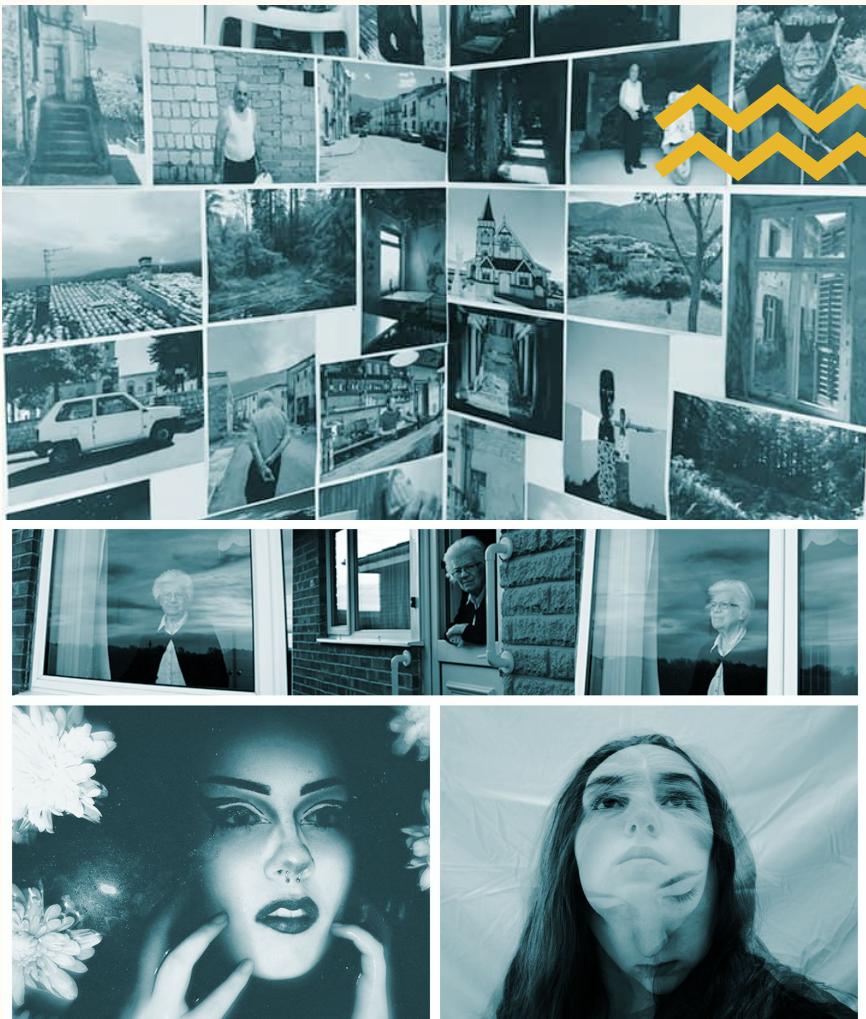


# Make

Do a detailed A5 pencil drawing from one of your photographs. Show your understanding of shading (tonal range) and mark making (the way you use your pencils to create the idea of texture).

Make a colour painting in your choice of paint and size, working from one of your photographs.

Make an A5 collage using your best photographs and draw/ paint/ stitch into it.



# SUBMIT

- **6 best photographs & paragraph**
- **A5 detailed pencil drawing**
- **Painting of your choice of size**
- **A5 collage**

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Portfolios will be reviewed by subject staff and you will then receive an email saying whether it has been accepted.

For applicants who have been interviewed between our first interview evening (4th November 2025) and our third interview evening (10th March 2026) the deadline for portfolio submission is **Friday 22nd May 2026**.

For applicants who have been interviewed on our fourth or fifth interview evenings (28th April and 2nd June 2026) the deadline for portfolio submission is **Friday 3rd July 2026**.

Any portfolio submissions after this date will not be accepted. Any late applicants to visual arts courses should bring their completed portfolio to their enrolment day interview, where a member of the visual arts staff will review it for course suitability.

