

FE Esports: Course Handbook 2024/2025 - US24



Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology

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Welcome to Confetti from the Head of FE



Dear Students, Parents, and Carers

I'm Nathan Levi Simpson, Head of Further Education here at Confetti.

It's great to have you as part of our Confetti community, and we look forward to supporting you on your creative industry journey. This handbook gives you with all the essential information you'll need throughout the year.

Inside, you'll find our guidelines and policies, as well as specific information related to your course. From academic expectations and support services to course schedules and assessments, this handbook is your go-to resource. Whether you are a new or returning student, we encourage you to take the time to familiarize yourself with its contents.

This handbook is designed to help you navigate your time at Confetti confidently, ensuring that you have the information and tools necessary to succeed.

The year ahead is brimming with possibilities, and I am confident it will be a time of academic achievement, personal growth, and creative exploration.

For our new students, this is the start of an exciting journey. You are joining an institution that values dedication, creativity, innovation and excellence. For our returning students, welcome back! We look forward to seeing you build on the strong foundation you've already established, continuing to uphold the high standards that make Confetti such a special place.

As we come together this year, it's important to remember the four Confetti rules:

1. **Be Here** - Regular attendance is crucial for success. Whether you're new or returning, being present in classes and college activities is key to making the most of your time here.
2. **Be On Time** - Punctuality shows respect for yourself, your peers, and your tutors. It ensures that everyone benefits fully from each class and college activity.
3. **Work to Deadline** - Managing your time effectively and meeting deadlines is essential for academic success and future career readiness.
4. **Be Professional** – Professionalism helps to create a positive, productive learning environment where everyone can thrive.

These principles are central to everything we do at Confetti and are designed to prepare you for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

We are committed to supporting you every step of the way, providing the highest quality education and resources to help you achieve your full potential. Thank you for choosing Confetti as your place to learn, grow, and succeed.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, welcome, and let's make it one to remember!

Welcome to your course



Conor Judge – Esports Course Leader

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Conor is the FE Esports Course Leader. With a mixed background in Business, Hospitality, Events and Esports Production. Having completed a BSc in Digital Media Technology and MSc in Creative Technologies. Moving into Education with Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies, from July 2022.



Ryan Grundy – Esports Tutor

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Ryan is the longest serving member of the course. His area of expertise is based around Esports coaching. As a trained Sports coach his time will largely be spent teaching you about Esports coaching, alongside Health, Wellbeing and Fitness, Psychology and Nutrition. Ryan's favourite game is Valorant and he'll probably beat you at it if you ask him. Finally, Ryan is a big Liverpool Football Club fan as well as Sam, so we strongly discourage any talk of Jürgen Klopp leaving for the foreseeable future.



Sam Rynne – Esports Tutor

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Sam is the newest addition to our course and has experience in Business and marketing, through running her own mini fitness empire alongside the health, fitness and wellbeing elements of the course. Sam's favourite games are of the fighter variety and she is also partial to the odd weekend of AC Valhalla, when Liverpool, MotoGP and the NFL aren't being televised! Additionally, Sam has also represented GB in Powerlifting and has performed with her fitness company at two of the UK's biggest rock and metal festivals for

multiple years.

Four Rules

Our Confetti four rules are essential in your journey to employment and we expect you to take them as seriously as we do:

- **Be Here**
- **On Time**
- **Stay on Track**
- **Be Professional**

We aim to ensure you have the best possible experience while studying at Confetti and we always welcome your feedback on any aspect of what we do.

If you will be absent or late, please call **0115 993 2315**

Term Dates

- Term 1 Start – Mon 09 Sep 2024
- FE Half Term - Mon 28 Oct - Friday 01 Nov 2024
- Term 1 Ends - Fri 20 Dec 2024
- Christmas Break - 2 Weeks
- Term 2 Start - Mon 06 Jan 2025
- FE Half Term - Mon 17 Feb - Fri 21 Feb 2025
- Term 2 Ends - Fri 04 Apr 2025
- Easter Break - 2 Weeks
- Term 3 Start - Tue 22 Apr 2025
- Bank Holiday (May Day) - Mon 05 May 2025
- FE Half Term - Mon 26 May - Fri 30 May 2025
- Term 3 Ends - Thu 17 Jul 2025

What you'll need

To ensure you are ready to learn you should bring the following to each session at Confetti.

- Notepad
- Pens
- USB stick
- Headphones
- Student Card and Lanyard (Provided by Confetti)

Email & the Internet

As a student at the College you will be given access to an e-mail account and the Internet. You are expected to use these business tools in a mature and responsible way. Your internet use at Confetti is monitored and inappropriate use will be challenged.

Please check your email daily as important information will be sent here such as feedback for your work and important updates and announcements

Microsoft Teams

All of our sessional resources are placed on a virtual learning environment (VLE) called Microsoft Teams which can be accessed through your Confetti email. You should check this regularly for sessional content and assessment briefs. This is also where you will submit your coursework and make all your notes.

Keeping in Touch

If you will be absent please call the absence line on 0115 993 2315 and email absence@confetti.ac.uk. It is also a good professional habit to get into to email your course leader, too (see below)

If you are under 18 your parents **must** call in.

Health & Safety

Matters regarding your Health & Safety, including your responsibilities as a student of Confetti are included within the College Handbook and available on the college intranet. There are specific additional matters relating to your health & safety on this program of study, particularly in relation to safe studio practice. These issues will be covered during the first part of your course and as part of your modules.

Student Services

The Student Services Team are based behind Confetti Main Reception in our DMH building. Our staff are available from 08:30-18:00, Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Holidays and Christmas Closure).

The team consists of Safeguarding leads, Welfare officers, an Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Officer and Student Services Administrators.

We can offer advice and support around a host of topics and provide help both practically and emotionally. Our remit includes:

- ☐ Safeguarding
- ☐ Mental Health Issues/Concerns
- ☐ Wellbeing Support such as, bereavement, family problems, identity issues, anxiety etc.
- ☐ Finance, funding and bursaries
- ☐ Information and Guidance such as, volunteering opportunities, careers, UCAS, progression etc.
- ☐ C-Card Registration

We offer confidential support meetings to students in a 1:1 setting, as a group or jointly with your curriculum team

You can contact us by dropping in during our usual working hours or alternatively, via the below methods:

- ☎ Phone- 0115 9522075
- ☎ Email- studentservices@confetti.ac.uk
- ☎ [Self-referral](#)

Safeguarding

Confetti is committed to the support and protection of children and vulnerable adults.

Detailed and rigorous policies are in place to support all students in achieving their full potential.

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- ☐ protecting children and vulnerable adults from abuse and maltreatment
- ☐ preventing harm to children and vulnerable adult's health or development
- ☐ ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- ☐ taking action to enable all children, young people and vulnerable adults to have the best outcomes

The Safeguarding Team at Confetti also holds responsibility for the Prevent Duty and concerns around radicalisation and extremism are dealt with as a safeguarding issue. The Prevent duty is the duty in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to have due regard to the need to prevent vulnerable people from being radicalised in to terrorism.

The safeguarding team consists of five members of staff who work within Student Services. They are contactable from 08:30-18:00, Monday-Friday (excluding Bank Holidays and Christmas Closure).

If you are concerned about yourself or somebody else and/or feel that someone may be at risk, you can contact us as per below:

✉ Email- safeguarding@confetti.ac.uk

✉ Phone- 07752 729566

If you or someone else is at risk and you require urgent support outside of Confetti's working hours, please speak to a trusted adult (such as a parent or guardian), call your GP during their usual working hours, present at your local A&E Department or dial, 999 for the relevant emergency service.

Student Services: Access & Inclusion Offer

The Student Services pathway of support provides a graduated approach to promoting independence, personal development and supporting individual needs.

We have the below offers of support for students:

Universal open to all students:

Study Zone*/ LRC drop ins throughout the week. Study Zone is in our Learning Resources Centre which is open Monday- Friday 9-5pm where students can work in a quiet space, with access to an A&I tutor.

By referral:

All referrals are triaged to ensure that you are signposted to the most appropriate pathway of support. Some students will be signposted to universal services, others will have an initial assessment and will be referred to group-based support services, according to need.

Access & Inclusion services by referral can include:

Study Zone/ LRC drop ins, Group Study (FE), Check in appointments and regular 1:1 session if identified.

Tutors and support staff can make a referral, with your permission, you can also [self-refer](#) through the website on the support page.

Targeted:

Sometimes a short-term, focussed, support intervention is needed to overcome particular challenges. This can range from a 1-hour session up to a 6-week block of structured support.

We aim to identify barriers and work towards positive outcomes. We may create a support plan, in which goals and targets are set with you.

(See above for types of support)

1:1 Structured support strategies may include can cover:

Study Skills Strategies

- Reading strategies (comprehension, reading at speed, decoding strategies)
- Planning for assignments
- Organisation and time management, including work space organisation
- Academic writing skills
- Accurate thought presentation/ writing with clarity
- Note taking techniques
- Using assistive technology
- Research techniques
- Citing references
- Developing critical analysis skills
- Presentation techniques
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Proof reading strategies
- Memory strategies

Mentoring strategies

- Managing change and transition
- Strategies for coping with anxiety and stress
- Encouragement to explore and use course materials independently
- Clarifying course expectations
- Exploring appropriate study strategies including organisation and time management
- Developing communication and social interaction skills
- Confidence building • Strategies for maintaining focus and motivation
- Finding a healthy work/life balance • Encouraging independence/self-management
- Help in accessing other areas of college life (e.g. library)
- Managing classroom concerns

Individual Support:

Some students are eligible for individualised support. This is determined through disclosure evidence and may include those with an EHCP (High Needs Funding).

This may, depending on individual needs and course level, include:

- support plans
- support to access the curriculum and Confetti Community

If you have an EHCP you will have an EHCP practitioner at Confetti that you can discuss any support needs with as well your tutors, course leader and LSAs in session.

Teaching, learning and assessment

If you are on Year 1 of our course your course is (Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology) [Read the full specification.](#)

Timetable

Confetti ICT Timetables - September 2024

		US24-1 (Esports)								
		09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
US24-1 (Esports)	Mon	ESPORTS COACHING Ryan Grundy <i>C305 (SCRIM LAYOUT)</i>			INTRODUCTION TO ESPORTS Ryan Grundy <i>C107 (Computer Suite)</i>				GCSE ENGLISH Sarah Corrigan <i>C202 (English)</i> <i>EGCS-B06</i>	
	Tue	GCSE MATHS James Tanner <i>C002 (Maths)</i> <i>MGCS-A04</i>			ADOBE WORKSHOP Sam Rynne <i>C005 (Design Studio)</i>			GCSE ENGLISH Sarah Corrigan <i>C202 (English)</i> <i>EGCS-A05</i>		
	Wed									
	Thu	ESPORTS PRODUCTION Conor Judge <i>C305 (SCRIM LAYOUT)</i>			PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYABILITY Conor Judge <i>C303</i> <i>(Seminar/Screening Room)</i>			GCSE MATHS Jacqui Felton <i>C002 (Maths)</i> <i>MGCS-B14</i>		
	Fri									

Accessible version of US24-1 timetable:

Monday:

- 9am-12pm: Esports Coaching – Ryan Grundy, C305
- 12pm-3pm: Introduction to Esports – Ryan Grundy, C107
- 4pm-5pm: GCSE English – Sarah Corrigan, C202

Tuesday:

- 9am-10am: GCSE Maths – James Tanner, C002
- 12pm-3pm: Adobe Workshop – Sam Rynne, C005
- 3pm-5pm: GCSE English – Sarah Corrigan, C202

Thursday:

- 9am-12pm: Esports Production – Conor Judge, C305
- 12pm-1pm: Personal Development Employability – Conor Judge, C303
- 3pm-4pm: GCSE Maths – Jacqui Felton, C002

Confetti ICT Timetables - September 2024

US24-2 (Esports)									
	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Mon									
Tue		ESPORTS COACHING Ryan Grundy C305 (SCRIM LAYOUT)		ESPORTS PRODUCTION Conor Judge C305 (SCRIM LAYOUT)					
Wed		ADOBE WORKSHOP Sam Rynne C305 (SCRIM LAYOUT)			PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYABILITY Conor Judge C303 (Seminar/Screening Room)				
Thu									
Fri			GCSE ENGLISH Sarah Corrigan C202 (English) EGCS-B18	INTRODUCTION TO ESPORTS Ryan Grundy C005 (Design Studio)					

Accessible version of US24-2 timetable:

Tuesday:

- 9am-12pm: Esports Coaching – Ryan Grundy, C305
- 12pm-3pm: Esports Production – Conor Judge, C305

Wednesday:

- 9am-1pm: Adobe Workshop – Sam Rynne, C305
- 1pm-2pm: Personal Development Employability – Conor Judge, C303

Friday:

- 11am-12pm: GCSE English – Sarah Corrigan, C202
- 12pm-3pm: Introduction to Esports – Ryan Grundy, C005

Where possible we try to keep the same timetable for the full academic year, however your timetable may be subject to change, especially in the first six weeks of the course. Any future changes to timetables will be communicated directly to students email and personal emails as well.

Lessons

You will study 14 units to complete the course, units 1-7 in year 1 and units 9-12 in year 2 you will receive a pass or a fail, for Unit 8 in year 1 & Unit 13 in year 2 you will receive either a pass, merit or distinction based on the quality of your work.

Each week you will have various sessions with a combination of your Esports tutors who will deliver fun and engaging sessions about the current Unit of study. You will find each day as engaging as the next due to units offering specific and interesting challenges that will require you to research and adapt your skillset to complete.

Assessment and Feedback

When you submit work it is assessed within two weeks, and written feedback is sent to your Confetti email address. All work is to be imported into 'Teams' and the specific Assignment Portal.

It is essential you check your email regularly, read your feedback, and take any necessary action, for example you may have not achieved all pass criteria and therefore must complete a resubmission.

For 1st year students UAL's rules on assessment will be broken down and discussed during sessions. Your tutors will also go through this in sessions with you. It's important you understand how you will be assessed on the course. Please speak to your tutors if you unsure what your feedback means.

Deadline Planner

Assignment Title	Assessor	Assessment Handout	Submission Deadline
What is Esports?	Ryan Grundy	7 October 2024	15 November 2024
Coaching 101	Ryan Grundy	16 December 2024	24 January 2025
Making My Mark!	Sam Rynne	6 January 2025	31 January 2025
Live in 5!	Conor Judge	13 January 2025	14 February 2025
My Big Esports Idea!	All tutors	24 February 2025	16 May 2025

US24 Resubmissions: Fails

If you fail an assignment, you must resubmit.

A resubmission includes any work that you missed or did incorrectly.

You can only resubmit once for each assignment. Each resubmission must be authorised by a Lead Internal Verifier at Confetti.

Resubmissions can only be authorised if:

- ✓ You meet all initial deadlines set in the assignment
- ✓ The assessor judges that you can provide improved evidence without further guidance
- ✓ You will have up to 15 working days to complete the resubmission IT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS PERIOD.

IMPORTANT: Your tutors cannot give you any additional guidance on how to achieve a specific grade. This means we can't tell you specifically what to do to gain a higher grade.

UCAS points

If you wish to go to university, you will need UCAS points. Once you know your predicted grade, you can use the [UCAS points calculator](#) to figure out your grade. When it comes to going to university, you will need to meet entry requirements and may need to work towards a specific grade.

Tutorials

You will have at least one tutorial per term, however you can request more from your personal tutor. During tutorials we discuss your learning, assessment and progress and agree targets to help you to develop skills.

Student feedback

Confetti strives to offer the best possible service and education thereby providing you with the best chance of success. We expect good conduct whilst you are at Confetti, and you should equally expect high standards from Confetti. We understand that sometimes you may be frustrated or disappointed with a part of the service that you receive, and Confetti is keen to resolve any complaints you may have quickly, so that you can concentrate on your studies without undue frustration.

If you have any comments regarding your experience with any of Confetti's services we would encourage you to complete a customer comments form to notify us. These forms can be found at

reception with a closed box for you to post them into. This service can be used anonymously if you wish.

If you have a complaint about a member of staff, please talk to Emma Talbot in Student Services, who can look into your concerns confidentially and sensitively.

If you have a more serious complaint, it is important that you talk to a member of staff as soon as possible, so that we can help to resolve your issue. If you are not satisfied, there is a grievance procedure in place. If you would like to take your complaint further, you will be required to submit your comments in writing to complaints@confetti.ac.uk This will then be passed on to the appropriate committee. This helps to keep any issues clear and will also help to resolve any problems as quickly as possible

Student Representatives

Your class will elect a representative who will attend termly meetings to speak directly to your Confetti course leader and senior management and give feedback on all aspects of life at Confetti. Reps are *your* mouthpiece, so make them your first port of call for any course and Confetti-wide issues

For 2024/25 your course reps are:

Kieran Lawson – US24-1

Morgan Mitchell – US24-2

Industry Opportunities at Confetti

Whatever you're studying, there will be opportunities for you to volunteer for industry work experience - and this is what Confetti calls **'Do It For Real'**.

These opportunities will be promoted throughout the year and you'll be able to volunteer via your course tutors, who'll make sure the experience is suitable for you and you'll get the most out of it. Sometimes you may have to apply for a position which is good practice for when you come to finish your course.

Also keep an eye out on the weekly student notices as some opportunities appear there.

Enrichment activities

In addition to your weekly timetable you will have the opportunity to take part in many events throughout the academic year, this includes trips, game jams, industry talks and many other events. You will receive information about each event in the weekly student notices and from your tutors. This is an ideal way to make friends with people from other courses and open the doors to industry experiences. We encourage you to be part of the Confetti community.