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A group of our Level 3 and Degree Level students spent the week in Florence for the Digital Media department's annual international study trip.

With a packed itinerary, the trip gave students an introduction to the history of media and its routes in Fine Art - and what better place to learn this than in Florence, the home of the Renaissance. Our students had the opportunity to explore everything Florence had to offer, from the world-renowned Uffizi Gallery, San Lorenzo Basilica and Ponte Vecchio to the city's iconic Duomo



and Baptistery.

As well as soaking up the local art and culture, each day the students were set a photography challenge by the Digital Media department. The students found out in the morning what the theme was and they then had the rest of the day to capture their images. At the end of each day there was a prize for the best work.

The first theme was 'old meets new', as students were challenged to capture an image which showed the old architecture of Florence with modern day living. The next day, our students visited Sienna and San Gimignano, and were challenged to take a photograph reflecting symmetry and patterns. Returning to Florence for the final photography challenge, our students had to capture 'faces' - whether this was in portraits and statues or something more abstract that resembles a face.



Steve Bell, Learning Manager for Digital Creative Media and CGI, said: "We're thrilled to be able to run our international study trip to Florence for the ninth year in a row. All of the students and staff had a brilliant time in Florence, learning more about history of media whilst also developing their creativity and photography skills."

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