

# Games Design and Development Level 3

## Welcome to Games Design and Development at West Suffolk College.

We are excited that you have chosen to begin your Games Design journey with us! Throughout the course you will learn a range of industry standard skills and software, which you will use to Develop a selection of fully playable games.

### Summer Project.

In preparation you have been set a Summer Task to be working on. This will form the starting point for your first college project. During the task you will come up with an idea for your first game – a Side Scrolling Platformer with Pixel Art graphics! The task is to produce a Games Design Document (GDD) using the worksheet provided. All information about what a GDD is and what you need to do is on the worksheet:

- [Summer Project - Producing a GDD](#) ← click on the link to open

*Important* – you will need to either make a copy of the document to your own Google Drive or download it as a Word document to edit it.

### Additional Information – Preparation for the Course.

#### Accounts for Services.

To save time when the course starts and allow us to jump straight into making Games, we are students ahead of time to set up accounts for:

- [Epic Games](#)
- [Steam](#)
- [Itch.io](#)

#### Equipment for the Course.

Our equipment list is short as we are a predominantly digital course, but we do expect student to arrive prepared for the lessons. They will need:

- Pens and Pencils
- A Notepad
- An External Hard Drive - In preparation for the course, we advise that students purchase an External Hard Drive to back up their work on. We understand that this is a big cost so we provide all students with access to online storage for their coursework, however, a Hard Drive is the most efficient and effective way to ensure they can access their work from any computer at the college.

What to buy? – a 1TB Hard Drive from a known brand, E.g., Samsung, Toshiba, Western Digital, Seagate, which should cost approximately £50

If you have any questions please contact us at either  
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Kind regards,

The Games Team!