



## ARTIST INSPIRES COLLEGE'S TOP ART STUDENTS

The College's Art and Design students recently benefited from a four day visit from the artist, David Blandy, whose video work was nominated for a Jerwood Prize in 2008.

David gave students an insight into the realities of life as an artist including the planning of exhibitions.

David initially presented examples of his work to several groups of students including the Art & Design Foundation Diploma and BTEC National Diploma Art and Design which led to lively discussions. Following on from this the students considered how David Blandy's use of narrative, personal identity and mass media representation could be relevant to their own projects.

David worked intensively with Foundation students giving an independent view on the development of their final pieces. Students found his perceptive comments invaluable in helping them to refine their work and see it in a wider context.

Following the visit he commented: "I had a great time at Havering - the students are really excellent, very advanced and open to new ideas."

For further details of David Blandy's work see: <http://www.davidblandy.co.uk/>

