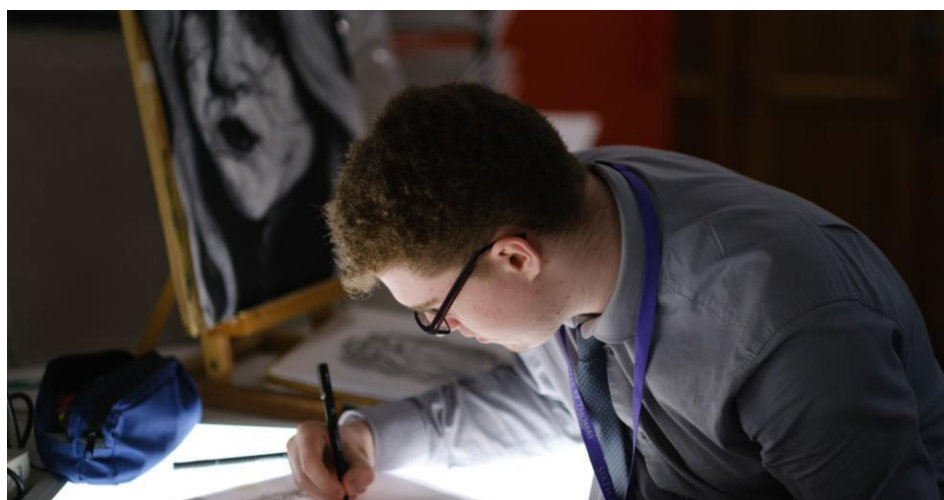




Course Requirements:

Sixth Form Entry Requirement
plus
GCSE Art and Design - Grade 5
or BTEC merit.

Syllabus:

EDUQAS

Who to Contact:

Miss A Monk
Course Leader

Overview

Love Art? Want to make your own ideas real? Studying A Level Art and Design gives you the opportunity to develop your creative skills and explore a wide range of materials and processes. You will have the freedom to develop projects around your own interests, while learning how to research, experiment, refine ideas and produce ambitious final outcomes.

The course encourages you to work independently and develop your own style. You will have the opportunity to work across a variety of disciplines, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, printmaking, textiles and digital media.

Our results

Over 60% A*-A over the last three years

Over 50% A* in 2026

100% A*-B in 2026

Our Art department consistently performs way above the national averages. We know our students well, build on their individual strengths and support them to achieve their very best.

Structure

The course is designed to give you the skills, confidence and independence to develop your own creative ideas. During the first term of Year 12, you will explore a range of new materials, techniques and ways of working through practical, workshop-style lessons. This gives you the opportunity to experiment, take risks and discover the processes and approaches that suit you best.

From February, you will begin to develop your own Personal Investigation, working with increasing independence to research, experiment, refine your ideas and create personal outcomes. We will visit exciting Galleries, including a trip to London, to help inspire our ideas. In February of year 13, you will move on to the Externally Set Assignment, where you will respond to a starting point set by our exam board, Eduqas.

The course is structured to support you throughout the process, while giving you increasing freedom to develop your own ideas and individual style.

Component 1 is called a personal investigation and is worth 60% of the A level grade. This is a major in-depth critical, practical and theoretical investigative project/portfolio and outcome/s which are based on a subject matter or theme of your own personal choice.

Component 2 is an externally set assignment and is worth 40% of the A level grade. You will start this in February of Year 13. This involves working to a starting point set by the exam board and completing a final, personal response during 15 hours of supervised time (this will be across 3 days).

Why choose Art and where does it lead?

If you love working creatively with a variety of materials and techniques, and are willing to work hard, you will enjoy this subject. You will develop your ability to research, analyse, investigate, experiment and make creative decisions. You will develop both practical and technical skills alongside your understanding of artists, photographers and designers.

Alongside developing your practical skills, you will become a more confident and independent thinker, learning to experiment, solve problems, take creative risks and communicate ideas visually.

Art can open the door to a huge range of creative pathways, including architecture, graphic design, illustration, photography, fashion textiles, animation, advertising, product design, set design, and fine Art. It can lead to an Art Foundation, University Degree or directly into the creative industries, while the independence, problem-solving and creative thinking developed through the course are valuable in many other careers too.