



Course Requirements:

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

Syllabus:

EDUQAS

Who to Contact:

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Course Leader

Overview

Studying A Level Art and Design provides entry to an unprecedented range of specialisms, skills – both traditional and digital – and careers. Studying Art and Design will develop:

- intellectual, imaginative, creative and intuitive capabilities
- investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical and expressive skills, aesthetic understanding and critical judgement
- independence of mind in developing, refining and communicating their own ideas, their own intentions and their own personal outcomes
- the experience of working with a broad range of media
- an understanding of the interrelationship between art, craft and design processes and an awareness of the contexts in which they operate
- knowledge and experience of real-world contexts and, where appropriate, links to the creative industries
- knowledge and understanding of art, craft, design and media and technologies in contemporary and past societies and cultures
- an awareness of different roles, functions, audiences and consumers of art, craft and design.

Structure

The structured nature of the course will enable you to develop skills and understanding which will allow you to achieve your full potential. This is a very successful course. Our results over a number of years have ranked our students amongst the highest in the country. In 2024, 100% of our Art, Craft and Design students achieved grades A*-B, and in both 2024 and 2025, over 60% of our students achieved A*-A, performing way above the national average.

The course is broken down into three parts. From September until February of Year 12, you will be taught new ways to record and experiment through a number of exciting workshop style lessons. This will encourage you to 'think outside the box', try new ways of working and enhance your skills. Following this, you will be fully prepared for the assessed aspects of the course, Component 1 and Component 2.

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 you will enjoy this subject.

There are many careers that require a qualification in Art and Design, however the course aims to develop your skills as an artist and will also prepare you for an Art foundation or degree level studies. We have had very positive feedback about our student's portfolios from Universities.

The study of Art can also help you develop transferable skills that you can take into any career or job. We have had many of our students go on to become successful graphic designers, illustrators, painters, sculptors, textile designers, furniture designers, car and fashion designers, working in advertising as photographers, set designers, jewellery designers and architects to name just a few! However, whichever future path you choose to take it can be a very enjoyable and rewarding beginning.