



Art & Design

Fine Art Endorsement



GCSE

Entry Requirements

You should have a good ability in drawing, painting and presentation skills and ability to undertake personal research skills

ART & DESIGN 2 YEAR GCSE

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Why should I study Art & Design?

If you enjoy Art & Design and have a keen interest and enthusiasm for the visual arts this course offers a wonderful opportunity for you to explore a range of media whilst developing your own creative potential.

You will investigate contextual references, both historical and contemporary, by studying Artists, Craftspeople and Designers from all over the world, alongside exploring different cultures and traditions.

Drawing, painting, ceramics, printing and basic textile techniques are the basis for creating exciting works of Art on this course. High standards of observational drawing skills are needed alongside an interest in experimenting with different media and techniques and a willingness to explore 2D and 3D processes.

The course is assessed through two main project components, where 60% of the total course marks are available through the **Portfolio Project**, whilst the remaining 40% of marks are allocated for the **Externally Set Task**. The Portfolio Project is based on a collection of

work relating to two separate themes of Natural Forms and Personal Collections and allows for experimentation whilst building knowledge and understanding of using different media and techniques alongside exploring different ways of creative presentation. The Externally Set Task is issued by the Examination Board in January of year 11. A range of themes are issued, based on which the student must use a range of media and techniques to create a body of work in response. The Examination component requires the completion of a 10 hour final piece of work to be completed under exam conditions.

What skills can I gain from studying GCSE Art?

In this course, you will develop practical skills in Art and Design whilst acquiring the ability to investigate, analyse, experiment, record and present your ideas influenced by the work of Artists, Designers, Craftspeople and different cultures. You will study:

- Drawing and painting
- Printmaking
- 3D construction
- Mixed media techniques and textiles
- ICT digital manipulation

What career paths would Art & Design be suitable for?

Career opportunities are vast! Advertising, Furniture Design, Sign Writing, Architecture, Teaching (all levels), Book Illustration, Interior Design, Fashion and Textile design, Theatrical Design, Landscape Gardening, Computer game design, Animation, Web designer, Draughtsmanship, Ceramics, Photography, Make-up artist, Painting and Decorating to name a few. Also new technologies are creating a whole new range of areas where Art is being used in innovative ways.

GCSE Art and Design will help you to develop creative, technical, communication, analytical and problem solving skills - skills that are essential in these and a wide range of other career opportunity areas.

Subject Combinations

Art would go well with: Design Technology, Business Studies, ICT, Humanities.