

Art, Craft and Design A Level

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Course Outline:

This course will encourage you to develop your artistic and creative responses to a range of subject matter and themes. Whether your main interest is in painting, clay modelling or design, the course can be adapted to suit your creative interests and skills. Over the two years you will be expected to plan, resource and develop projects in an increasingly independent manner, showing that you can work meaningfully with a number of different media to communicate your ideas. You will also explore the use of drawing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and media.

There are two units of work to complete each year. In Year 13 these are 'Component 1: Personal Investigation' and 'Component 2: Externally Set Assignment'. During the Personal Investigation you are required to conduct a practical investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material (between 1000-3000 words). The Externally Set Assignment is published by AQA in February of each year, and following a preparatory period of work you will undergo a 15-hour (3 day) supervised exam, during which you will culminate your investigation.

Skills / Aptitudes Developed / Required:

You will be expected to demonstrate skills in your chosen area of study within Fine Art (painting, mixed media, printmaking), Graphic Communication (design, illustration, graphics), or Three-dimensional design (sculpture, ceramics, environmental design) etc. A high level of commitment is needed, as you will be expected to work with independence, and guide the direction of your projects, with the support of your teachers.

Entry requirements are a Grade 4 and above at GCSE Fine Art or 3D Art.

Additional Considerations:

Art, Craft and Design students are expected to make regular trips to local galleries, and keep sketchbooks that document your contextual investigations, drawings, and developing ideas.



Progression Post-18

Foundation Course Diploma in Arts/Media Arts (diagnostic courses designed to help students to target a specialist area for study within the Arts).
Degree level courses in Fine Art, Illustration, Media Arts, Animation, Textiles, Graphics and Architecture.

Careers in any number of creative industries; galleries, education, design, media, advertising....