

A-level Art & Design

(Three Dimensional Design)

Three dimensional design is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating ideas. It inspires imaginative thinkers, problem solvers and people who enjoy creation. You will get the chance to blend creative thinking with practical application and learn how to use the right materials to bring your ideas to life.

What is covered?

This is a practical course that will enable you to develop an understanding of a broad range of materials and techniques. Key areas you could cover include: ceramics, sculpture, exhibition design; design for theatre, television and film, interior design, product design, environmental and architectural design, jewellery and body ornament and 3D digital design.

First Year:

- Introduction to a variety of techniques such as perspective drawing, graphic design, computer aided design, woodwork, sculpture and modelling.
- Completing modules in the above areas to develop your knowledge skillset.

Second Year:

- Continue to build upon the knowledge, skills and confidence gained in the first year.
- Independent study on your personal investigation with the opportunity to develop a finished product in response to an idea, issue, concept or theme of your choice.
- The finished product will include both practical work and an essay of up to 3,000 words.
- A personal investigation.
- Controlled assessment set by external exam board (15 hours supervised time).

What does the course involve?

This course is highly practical and will be enjoyed by those who are creative and wish to have the freedom to explore their creativity. You will undertake a range of chosen projects that will allow you to develop a high practical skill level with a range of materials. As part of this you will develop an understanding of areas relating to product design and Architectural design.

Quick course facts

You should have a minimum of five GCSEs graded at level 4 or above, including English and Mathematics. It is desirable that you have achieved a grade 4 in an art and design subject and can show a portfolio of work at interview.

The course is assessed by a practical portfolio (60%) and an externally set assessment (40%).

The course is ideal for those who enjoy creative learning. It involves a number of projects with many practical skills

You will be expected to take an active role in learning, including watching specialist television programmes and carrying out your own research.

