

A-level Art and Design

This creative course places an emphasis on experimentation. A-level Art and Design will stretch your ability to develop a range of experiments and challenge your creative thought patterns. You will be required to explore a range of artists' from both contemporary and historical contexts, considering their role within contemporary culture. Work will be in a broad spectrum of materials, recorded in both visual and written form. Your personal investigation unit will be selected independently based on your strengths and interests.

What is covered?

This course allows you to engage, explore and experiment within a diverse range of art materials. From paint to printmaking and sculpture to digital illustration, you will build a portfolio of skills and experience to continue studying art specialisms that are most appropriate to your aspirations.

During the first year you will cover a range of introductory approaches:

- Basic introduction into materials
- Be taught Artist Research skills, and apply these to a range of artists, both contemporary and historical
- Coursework portfolio - develop a range of you own projects based on nature, portraiture and architecture
- A number of final outcomes will be printed and presented in a creative manner.

During the second year you will complete:

- A personal investigation
- The finished product will include both practical work and an essay of up to 3,000 words
- Controlled assessment set by external exam board (15 hours supervised time).

What does the course involve?

Through this A-level, you will develop your ability to interpret and convey stories, intentions and emotions through different mediums. You will enhance your imaginative and creative abilities as an active practitioner. You will also grow your knowledge and understanding of the place of this subject in the context of research both past and present.

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.

Many students go on from this A-level to undertake a one year Foundation degree course or many apply to study a specialist Arts degree.

Destinations can include careers as an interior designer, Fashion marketing, Graphic design, Architecture.

