Art & Design A Level



Exam Board: OCR

Why A Level Art and Design?

Art is a powerful subject, which enriches our lives in many ways. Art can form a stimulus for thought or it can be used in many practical ways from fine art, illustration, graphic design, fashion, product design, textiles, advertising, architecture and the media. The A Level course will allow students to develop their ability to appreciate the visual world and respond in a personal and creative way.

Thinking and Life Skills students will develop:

- Understanding of the potential of a range of materials
- Presentation and other communication skills
- Ability to work to a brief
- An eye for detail
- Creative thinking and logical approach to problem solving
- Project management
- Research and editorial skills.

'Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.' Edgar Degas 'Art enables us to lose ourselves and find ourselves at the same time.' Thomas Merton

What will you study?

Students will produce a collection of work based on an idea, theme or issue which will demonstrate their ability to research, develop ideas and link work in a meaningful way. They will develop a working knowledge of materials, practices and technology, working with contextual studies to convey and synthesise ideas through Art.

University degrees that require or often prefer Art and Design include:

Specialist Art and Design courses, including Fine Art, Graphic Design, Fashion, Textiles, Architecture, Liberal Arts, Art History, Multimedia Design Technology, and Product Design (N.B Art degrees usually prefer a one-year Foundation Course post A Level).

Possible careers:

Directly related: Artist, product designer, graphic designer, animator, art therapist, illustrator, photographer, architect, sculptor fashion designer, textile designer, video game designer, web designer, Art critic, curator and areas of the media world.

Entry requirements:

Minimum grade 6 in GCSE Art & Design.









