

AS/A LEVEL ART & DESIGN

What does the course involve?

This course is designed to offer students a sound grounding in a number of different areas of art and design, whilst still exploring the subject in depth. You will have the freedom to choose areas to study that are of particular interest to you whilst accommodating your range of abilities.

You will achieve the knowledge and understanding required in art, craft and design. You can also specialise in the following paths: Fine Art; Graphic Design; Three Dimensional Design; Photography and Critical and Contextual Studies.

Emphasis is on developing an understanding of the role of Art in society and for the individual. You will follow a broadly-based practical course which allows you to work with many different materials and which leads to an endorsement in Fine Art. The Art Department has two rooms and is equipped for painting, printmaking and mixed media work, providing many opportunities to develop your skills and interests through experimentation and practice.

What course units will I take?

AS Modules & A2 Modules

Coursework (AS/A2)

You will complete two main practical projects, one for AS (Coursework Portfolio) and one for A2 (Personal Investigation).

These focus upon a wide variety of techniques and materials, including painting in oils, printmaking, collage and photography.

In the first year you will cover all of these and in the second year you will choose a personal theme building upon the skills which you have learnt. Within both these projects you will also investigate the work of artists from different times and cultures.

Exam/Controlled Assignment (AS/A2)

At the end of each year there is a practical exam which involves several weeks of research culminating in a five-hour exam at AS and a fifteen-hour exam at A2.

What qualifications do I need?

Previous study of the subject at GCSE level or equivalent will be of benefit to the student, but it is not essential. The course offers a sound basis for progression into further or higher education, and to enter employment where skills in art are necessary.

Will I take part in any study visits/field work?

As an essential part of the course we will arrange visits to local and national exhibitions.

What can I do after the course?

You could progress to studying an Art Foundation course at a College of the Arts and then on to a very wide range of specialist Art courses in higher education.