

ART & DESIGN (FINE ART) Advanced Level

Qualification Level 3 Advanced GCE in Art & Design

Exam Board Pearson Edexcel

Course Specific Entry Requirements Grade 6 or above in GCSE Art

Overview

Advanced Level Art and Design (Fine Art) is an exciting and dynamic course, fuelled by the study of contemporary as well as historical works of art. You will develop your skills in working with various media and processes and will enjoy full access to our fantastic print making and clay work facilities. You will investigate changes in processes and how this alters a piece, as well as learning how to deconstruct and analyse both your own artwork and that of others. You will produce projects resulting in final outcomes based on a stimulus to which you will respond with increasing individuality and independence. You will produce a personal portfolio of work in response to your stimulus and will also produce a body of work for a stimulus set by the exam board. You will also write a short supporting essay to contextualise, deepen and refine your knowledge.

What will I learn?

The A Level course is assessed through two components.

▲ **Personal Investigation** (60% of A Level marks)

The A Level Personal Investigation is student led and gives you the chance to focus on something that you are passionate about, be it politics, social change, changes in landscapes or investigating the role of historical art in the development of art today. The focus of the investigation is entirely determined by you. The portfolio again results in a final outcome being made and is supported by an essay of 1000- 3000 words of continuous prose. Your essay can be presented in any format.

▲ **Externally Set Assignment** (40% of A Level marks)

You will produce a body of work in response to a stimulus set by the exam board. This will be determined in January of the final year, producing supporting work during lessons and at home before producing the final outcome in a 15 hour examination.

How will I learn?

A Level Art and Design is a practical subject with lessons designed to maximise your understanding through active participation. You will create work based on investigation of contemporary and historical art sources and will document this journey through the use of a sketchbook. You will be encouraged to become active in understanding the development of art in real time by responding to news articles and events. You will learn by producing work using a variety of skills and processes such as printing, painting, drawing and use of digital media.

Where could it lead?

As one of the fastest growing industries globally, opportunities for employment and experience in the creative arts are vast. You will develop the independent working skills and experience required to succeed both at university level and in employment in areas such as illustration, game design, graphic design and architecture. For students seeking to take their studies in Art & Design further, the usual route after A Level is to take a one-year Foundation course, although some students progress straight onto degree courses.