

# ART & DESIGN



## Course Content

The Art and Design course is a broad and balanced course which allows students to explore a variety of processes and techniques, including drawing and painting, printmaking, photographic and digital processes and multi media work.

Art and Design A level requires students to develop of research and analysis skills which allows for independent and personal response, with the continual acquirement of practical skills that aid visual communication. In Lower Sixth students follow a common programme of study which allows for the development of personal interests and approaches. In the Upper Sixth students are required to design and develop their own personal program for learning, with the support of experienced staff.

## Assessment

Examination board: EDUQAS

The A level is split into 60% coursework (known as a personal investigation) and an exam project (known as Externally Set Assignment or ESA) which represents 40% of the course. All the work is then internally assessed and externally moderated at the end of the course.

## Complementary Subjects

Students who are considering a career in the visual arts or design could benefit from studying a second visual subject such as Graphic Communication. This gives students the best possible opportunity to produce a portfolio of the highest standard required for the vast majority of degree course applications.

Business Studies, Mathematics and Physics are other popular complementary subjects for those students considering work in the creative industries or are looking ahead to a career in Architecture.



## Extension Opportunities

Students studying art and design should seek opportunities to deepen their knowledge of contextual studies through visits to museums and galleries. There are opportunities for visits arranged by the department to major cities such as London and Liverpool, and through artist workshops, however students are also encouraged to seek out these opportunities independently. Students are also encouraged to learn about the creative sector they are interested in, if relevant to their post 6th form studies.

## Recent Success

The department has outstanding examination results each year, with 100% A\*-B. 100% of our students also achieve their first choice University.

## What Next?

Students go on to achieve great success a range of creative courses at university, including Fine Art, Illustration and Film making. It is also a really complimentary subject for a wealth of subjects, such as Graphic Design, Digital Marketing and Medicine. We are proud that 100% of our students attend their first-choice university.



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