



Art and Design: Fine Art

Exam Board: AQA

A course in Fine Art should develop your ability to appreciate all things visual, respond in a personal and creative way and perhaps even contribute something for the benefit of everyone.

Entry Requirements:

9–5 GCSE Art and Design.

A-level art is not an easy option and you should be prepared to work hard at developing your abilities.

External students will be required to provide a small portfolio of work at interview.

A-level Course Summary:

Unit 1: Personal Investigation

60% of A Level Portfolio of skills.

Foundation style course in a variety of disciplines. You are required to submit written work in support of your practical project of approximately 1,000–3,000 words.

The quality of written communication will be assessed in this unit.

Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment

40% of A Level: Preparatory Period (from 1 February) + 15 hours supervised time. Set by AQA.

The skills you will develop will be varied. You will develop a working knowledge of materials, practices and technology within Art. You will develop the skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings using Art, Craft and Design. You will develop your imaginative and creative powers and your experimental, analytical and documenting skills. You will also develop a specialist vocabulary and the knowledge and understanding of the place of Art, Craft and Design in history and in contemporary society.

You are required to work in one or more area(s) of Fine Art, such as those listed below. You may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

- drawing and painting
- mixed-media, including collage and assemblage
- sculpture
- ceramics
- installation
- printmaking (relief, intaglio, screen processes and lithography)
- moving image and photography.

There are many careers in Art, Craft and Design. Most of these require further study at an art school, further education college or university. If you are unsure about whether to make a career of the subject, the best thing to do is to speak to your Art teacher who will know more about the courses on offer.

Other Course Information:

- Students will need to buy their own home equipment for Art.
- Students will also need to buy portfolios and boards for mounting work at approximately £20 per term.

Who is the course for?

- Students who wish to undertake further studies in Art, Craft and Design, usually at art college or further education College.
- Students who are looking to take up careers for which an Art background is relevant; advertising, publishing, architecture, museums, theatres, galleries, journalism etc.
- Individuals who have an interest in and aptitude for the subject, but who do not intend to take the subject beyond A-level and will use UCAS entry points for other courses.