



## A Level Art and Design - Course Information

### Exam board - OCR

#### What is A Level Art and Design?

Art and Design allows you to express your creativity while developing strong practical and visual skills. It encourages independent thinking and problem-solving through personal projects and experimentation. It also builds a high-quality portfolio that can open doors to creative courses and careers in the future.

#### What does the course involve?

- Exploring a range of creative techniques such as drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, photography, and digital art while developing technical skills and confidence with different materials.
- Building creative thinking, problem-solving, research, and presentation skills through studying the work of artists and designers.
- Completing a personal project and final exam piece that strengthen skills in planning, time management, independent working, and creating a high-quality portfolio.

**Entry Requirements:** GCSE English and Mathematics grade 4 and grade 5 in Art and or DT

#### What themes are studied and how are they assessed?

Students complete two main projects which are broken down into:

- **Coursework (60%)**  
You choose a project that is personal and meaningful to you. This is then made up of your sketchbooks, experiments, research, written essay and final pieces.
- **Exam project (40%)**  
You choose a starting point from the exam paper provided by the exam board and produce a body of work over several weeks, finishing with a timed 15 hour practical exam.

#### What are lessons like?

Most lessons involve an element of drawing, painting, photography, experimenting with materials, or developing pieces for your project. Students are often either gaining feedback from their teacher or independently working on their projects, recording ideas and acting on feedback given.

We offer workshops on a regular occasion where students are able to gain a new skill or develop a pre-existing one. Students are able to test out new techniques and occasionally take part in group critiques where they discuss and refine each other's work.

#### Where can art and design take you?

Studying Art and Design can lead to further study such as a Foundation Art and Design course, University courses in areas such as Graphic Design, Illustration, Animation, Fashion, Architecture, Set Design just to name a few. There are many creative careers that can lead on from further education such as a Photographer, Animator, Interior Designer, Art Teacher or Creative Director.

It also builds valuable transferable skills such as creativity, communication, and problem-solving which are all useful across many industries beyond the arts.

**For more information about the course, please see Mrs Bedford**