

Fine Art A Level

Who is the course for?

Fine Art is primarily concerned with personal expression, with producing something individual and creative. The aim of the course is designed to encourage students to develop their interest and enjoyment in the study of art and design. Students will develop personal responses to ideas, observations, experiences, environments and cultures and will work from their own strengths and interests. Students will make personal visual responses in painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, print and installation. A willingness to take an independent interest in the world of art by researching, visiting galleries and making enquiries is essential.

What does the course involve?

The first year of this course focuses on building skills, exploring a range of processes and using a variety of techniques. The second year provides students with a wide range of creative and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests in ways that are both personally relevant and developmental in nature. This course is particularly suitable for students who wish to study art and design or a related subject at a higher level or who wish to pursue a career in the arts.

Students will record from direct observation and will use this to help develop ideas and techniques. They will also learn to analyse their own work and the work of others in contemporary, historical and cultural contexts. Students could explore some of the following areas: painting, drawing and mixed media, including collage and assemblage; sculpture (including ceramic sculpture), land art, installation and construction; printmaking, relief and screen processes, photography, film, television, animation and/or video. Visits will be made to various local, national and international galleries, museums and exhibitions.

Assessment Methods

Component One: Personal Investigation

60% of A Level

Personal investigation supported by written element of 1000-3000 words, set and marked by the centre and moderated by AQA

Component Two: Externally set assignment

40% of A Level

This is normally launched on Feb 1st, students have approx. 4 months to prepare before the 15 hours of controlled assessment.

Supervised time 15 hours

Work produced will be marked by the centre and moderated by AQA

Progression Options

There are many careers in art, craft and design. Most require further study at an art college, FE or university. Most students will take a one-year foundation course at Art College before applying to degree courses in more specialist areas of art and design. Careers where it is useful to have studied art include advertising, marketing, design, architecture, publishing, media, conservation, restoration, illustration, web design, sculpture, painting and printmaking, in fact any profession looking for creative people.

Awarding Body

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