

Art & Design

A-Level



What will I learn?

Through A Level Art and Design, you will develop and stimulate your creativity through a broad and exciting course. Students explore a range of different media, processes or techniques, ensuring that there is something suitable for all interests. You will develop your ability to appreciate the visual world and to respond in a creative and personal way, expanding your imaginative and creative powers, your experimental, analytical and documenting skills. You will also develop a specialist vocabulary, knowledge and an understanding of the place of art and design in history and in contemporary society.

How will I learn?

You will learn through a mixture of practical workshops and thematic projects. The start of the course will focus on developing skills and introducing new techniques. Later, learning will become more personalised to suit the investigation topics that you have chosen.

How will I be assessed?

You will produce a personal investigation portfolio of work that will account for 60% of the A level mark. In February of Year 13 you will produce a second portfolio of work in response to a question set by the exam board. This makes up the further 40% of the Art and Design A level award.

Trips and Extracurricular activities.

Opportunities such as museum visits and a residential art trip to St Ives are likely to be offered during the course. Students will also be encouraged to engage in a range of local workshops and competitions.

FAQs.

Do I need to have studied Art before?

Most students studying A Level Art will have completed a GCSE in the subject. The skills that are developed at GCSE are particularly important to successfully complete this course. If you have not studied Art at KS4, you may be asked to provide a small portfolio of work before you are accepted onto the course.

Do I need to be good at Maths?

It is not a requirement of the course that you need to have specific maths skills.

What subjects complement Art?

Many students taking Art also study subjects such as Photography, Performing Arts as well as Sociology and Psychology.

What have Rednock students done with Art?

There are many careers in Art & Design. Most of these require further study at an Art School, Further Education College or University. At present most students wishing to take art further will go on to do a one year Foundation Course at an Art College or apply for a degree courses on more specialist areas of art and design.

Exam Board

AQA

Skills Gained

Creative ideas development
Problem-solving
Contextual interpretation
Visual communication
Organisation
Presentation

Careers

3D design
Ceramics designer
Enameller
Fashion designer
Graphic designer
Illustrator
Textile designer
Spatial designer
Advertising
Animator
Art gallery curator
CAD technician
Marketing assistant
Photographer
Set designer
Signwriter