

Key Stage 5 - Art and Design / Photography

Subject Specification: A Level Art, Craft and Design & Photography

Exam board: EDUQAS / WJEC

Level: 3 AS and A2 Course

Course Description

What will be studied? Art and Design / Photography

AS Course: Creative Inquiry

During the AS year students learn a widening range of art methods, styles and approaches in Art and Design, which prepares them for their A2 year. The work produced is internally assessed and students can choose which work they take onto their A2 portfolio.

A2 Course: Personal Investigation Unit 1

There are two major elements: supporting (written) studies and practical work. Students can choose either (or both) Art, Craft and Design or Photography and produce a portfolio of development work and outcomes based on themes and ideas developed from personal starting points. Students choose their own theme and develop ideas by researching primary and contextual sources, recording observations, experimenting with media and processes, and refining ideas to produce personal resolved outcome(s) in response to an externally set theme. Independent learning and gallery visits by students during their free time are compulsory.

Unit 1 Final Outcome (15hours): this must be related to the theme of the Personal Investigation.

A2 Course: ESA Unit 2

There are two major elements: supporting (written) studies and practical work. Students can choose either (or both) Art, Craft and Design or Photography and produce a portfolio of development work and outcomes based on themes and ideas developed from personal starting points. Students will develop ideas given by the exam board by researching primary and contextual sources, recording observations, experimenting with media and processes, and refining ideas to produce personal resolved outcome(s) in response to an externally set theme. Independent learning and gallery visits by students during their free time are compulsory.

ESA Unit 2 Final Outcome (15hours): this must be related to the theme of the ESA.

Entry requirements

Students must complete the Year 12 Summer Preparation Task before beginning the course

A minimum of Five GCSE grades 4 - 9 including GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language and a creative subject (Art, Media or Textiles).

Assessment

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1: (60%) Personal Investigation portfolio

Unit 1: Final Outcome

Unit 2: (40%) ESA portfolio

Unit 2: Final Outcome

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Internally assessed and moderated and externally assessed.

Careers & Progression

Career ideas and Progression route

Level 3 qualifications in Art and Design will enable students to enter a range of creative & design degree & degree level courses including but not limited to Architecture, Art History, Fashion, Illustration, Art Therapy and Graphic Design. For information on Careers in Art click [here](#) and [here](#)

How can I help my child?

Guidance and advice

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/art-and-design-as-a-level/#tab_overview

<https://news.artnet.com/art-world>

<https://shop.tate.org.uk/>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms>
