## **Fine Art A Level**

The AQA A Level Art syllabus encourages a broad approach, which allows you to develop a sound grounding, in a number of areas while still exploring the subject in depth.

Although a GCSE Art grade 4 pass is normally required for taking the A Level course, suitable students who can demonstrate drawing skills and creativity will be considered, although students must have studied Art before as a subject. It is expected that you will have developed sufficient understanding and skills for the programme of study at 'A' level to be rewarding and enjoyable in its own right.

The course involves the development of your skills and understanding in drawing and painting and use of mixed media with a greater emphasis on depth and focus.

Looking at contemporary and historical art styles will form the basis for critical and contextual studies alongside your own practical work.

You will need to use study periods as well as up to 4 hours homework each week to continue and add to your portfolio of work. £20 is required by every student to contribute to the overall cost of materials used within each A Level ADT option. This is due to a number of expensive materials being used in all areas across the 2 years of the course.

The Post 16 Art Room in Design is available to be used outside of normal lesson times in order for you to get the most out of the course.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Skill Building	Coursework Portfolio	Component 1:	Personal Investigation
			60% of the total A Level mark
Mock	Internally Set Assignment	Component 2:	Externally Set Assignment
			40% of the total A Level mark

## **CAREER OPTIONS**

Some careers may require specific qualifications at degree level and more information should be obtained from your careers adviser. There are many opportunities in Art and Design and it is also worth noting that both standards and competition are high. Below is a selection of possible careers linked to Art and Design:

- Advertising Designer · Art Dealer / Buyer Sculptor · Audio Visual Artist/Designer
- Cartoonist
- Courtroom Artist
- Interior Decorator
- · Layout Artist
- Museum Artist
- Printing Designer
- Scene Designer
- Silkscreen Artist
- Trademark Designer
- · Upholstery Fabric Designer
- Animator
- · Art Exhibition Coordinator
- · Book Illustrator/Designer
- Cinematographer
- Medical Illustrator
- Photographer
- · Antiques Dealer
- Exhibition, Fabric, Fashion or Graphic Designer

- Printing Layout Artist
- Stained Glass Artist
- · Graphic Designer / Typographical Designer
- · Valuer and Auctioneer
- Art Historian
- · CAD Designer
- Costume Designer
- Millinery Designer
- Photojournalist
- Product Designer
- Set Designer
- Textile Designer
- Web Designer
- Architect
- Art Teacher
- Calligrapher
- Illustrator
- Mural Artist
- · Retail Buyer
- · Interior, Jewellery, Knitwear, or Label Designer

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