

## Course introduction

The GCE A level Art and Design course provides our students with the opportunities to develop personal responses to ideas, observations, experiences, environments and cultures in practical, critical and contextual forms.

Students will be introduced to a variety of experiences employing a range of media, processes and techniques appropriate to the chosen area of study.

Practical skills underpin all aspects of the subject and the ability to make critical judgements is considered to be a vitally important part of the course.



## Entrance requirements

Students who wish to study Art must have acquired a minimum of 5 GCSEs or equivalent at 9 - 5 , including English Language and Maths. Students who choose to study Art have usually studied Art gaining at least a 6 grade at GCSE, but we will consider others who can demonstrate a keen interest in and aptitude for the subject.

## How the course is taught

Students will be introduced to new and familiar media and techniques which are used as a vehicle to express their personal ideas and images. Contextual studies and research skills are an integral part of the program.

## Areas covered by the course

The first year of the course program is designed to develop the student's knowledge and application of their visual language. They will experience a range of techniques and develop work based upon different themes. These include fine art drawing, painting, mixed media and graphic communication. The second year of the course is about personal development as a visual artist.

## How the course is assessed

The course will be marked internally by the subject teachers and then moderated externally by a visiting Moderator.

## Career opportunities

Of those students who have studied Art and Design in the past, many have progressed to higher education and now have flourishing careers in Graphic Design, Illustration, Fashion Design, Photography, 3D Design, Fine Art painting and Teaching. Some students have enjoyed European and indeed world-wide travel as a reward for their success in this subject.

