

# Art and Design

**Awarding Body: Edexcel**

**Level: A-Level**

## Introduction

Whether you are looking for a career directly linked to the creative industry or appreciate and enjoy the arts and recognise the role it plays in all workplaces, then the Art and Design A-Level is for you. It provides you with the opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the formal elements, design principles and contextual studies whilst developing your practical skills in a wide range of media and processes. It will also give you with the opportunity to develop personal responses to ideas, observations, experiences and cultures. Skills practiced and developed in year 11 will continue with more emphasis on scale, photography, drawing and painting.

Projects follow a similar structure as in year 11, with a period of contextual study and media practice, concluding in students creating and managing their own personalised response. This structure enables you to develop and express your own creative journey, allowing you to personalise and connect with Art and Design. We pride ourselves on enabling students with 'big ideas' to bring them to fruition.

Art and Design is a highly valued qualification recognised by employers and universities. Candidates with qualifications in Art and Design are thought to be excellent independent learners, can think outside the box, are confident in decision making, have resilience when refining ideas and have a welcoming approach to exploring new ideas and concepts.

## Content included within the two years:

### Year 12:

Component 1 (coursework): Project based on the theme of Human Boundaries.

Component 2 (coursework): Project based on the contemporary principles within Art and Design.

### Year 13:

Component 1 Personal Investigation (coursework): Produce a comprehensive body of work based on a theme or artist of your own choice. The practical work is supported by a written study of 1000 words.

Component 2 (Externally set exam): Project based on an externally set theme created by Edexcel. Students have eight weeks to produce a body of work and this will conclude with students creating a personalised final outcome within a 15-hour timed exam.

All coursework is worth 60% of the final grade.

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### **What you need**

At least a grade 5 in GCSE Art and Design or Design and Technology.

### **Career and further study**

Art and Design A-Level is a highly respected subject amongst universities and colleges. You could progress to higher level study within Art and Design at University level in the form of foundation or degree courses or could develop skills through on the job training as an apprentice. However, the A-Level compliments many other career aspects thanks to the skills you will develop and equip yourself with throughout the two years. Art and Design provides an essential foundation for a wide variety of career areas including architecture, graphic and product design, fashion, fine art, marketing and more. Art and Design also supports one of England's largest growing career sectors, the creative arts industry.

### **Trips and other costs**

You are expected to contribute to the cost of trips to galleries and the purchase of materials such as sketchbooks, portfolios and canvasses.