

Art, Craft & Design (Art)

Course Type: A Level

Exam Board: WJEC Eduqas

Course Entry Requirements: Standard (Five GCSE subjects at a minimum grade 4 or the equivalent including Maths and English), with a minimum grade 5 in GCSE Art or a Merit in BTEC Art.

Why Study Art & Design?

Art of all types has been an outlet for personal and communal expression as well as pure creativity for every culture throughout history; it both expresses and confirms our humanity (without the arts the world would be a much poorer place).

Art offers a unique kinaesthetic way of learning and can contribute to the personal development of students by providing a powerful and distinctive form of communication and expression.

Art can change the way we feel, think and act. It can affect emotions and moods – providing opportunity for personal expression, reflection and emotional development. It enhances thinking, increases perception, fuels imagination, encourages creativity and refines physical co-ordination; skills which can be transferred to other areas of experience and learning. Transferable skills in investigation, experimentation, documentation, independent learning, creative thinking and problem solving are also taught through art.

What Will I Study? Course Content

Through Art & Design you can explore your physical and psychological environment - subjectively and objectively, past and present, locally, nationally, and globally. As artists in your own right, you will be taught the necessary technical skills to manipulate materials appropriately so that you develop the tools and confidence to realise your ideas - we want to provide a balance of work which enables you to experience different approaches and modes of working.

How will I be assessed?

In Year 12 there will be a department internal assessment during the summer.

In Year 13 you will be expected to complete 2 components (60% and 40%):

Component 1 is a personal and practical investigation, plus an extended written element of 1000 words minimum (60%).

Component 2 is a 15 hour Externally Set Assignment beginning in February to be completed in May (40%).