
A Level Art & Design - Fine Art





The Fine Art course promotes an experimental approach using a range of materials including painting, print and mixed media. Observational drawing underpins all Fine Art practice and is an essential requirement for the course. Students engage in practical studio work aimed to further their knowledge and understanding of a range of processes. All practical work is contextualised with research and analysis of artists' work.

Introduction

You will be encouraged to further your artistic interests, understanding and skills within a supportive environment, and to explore and develop ideas.

During the first year of the course you will build upon your achievements at GCSE and develop your understanding and appreciation of a varied selection of art processes. In the second year you will focus on areas that interest you and build an impressive portfolio of work.

Although the bulk of materials will be provided, you will be asked to purchase sketchbooks and certain core items. These are available from the college shop.

Level Level 3

Specific course entry requirements

College entry to include GCSE grade 4 or above in an Art and Design subject or BTEC equivalent (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 24 for further details).

What will I study?

Drawing, painting, mixed media and printmaking. You will also be introduced to a wide range of contemporary and historical artists and art forms that will allow you to grow and develop your own style.

You will be encouraged to research, experiment and develop personal and innovative pieces of work that will stretch and challenge your individual artistic talents.

Visits to galleries, universities and field trips are an integral part of the course.

How will I be assessed?

The Fine Art course is 60% coursework and 40% externally set examination. All work is internally assessed and then externally verified by an exam board moderator.

Where will this course lead me?

Developing your creative understanding can be useful in many fields of learning as well as a range of careers. It is particularly appropriate for advertising, architecture, industrial or product design, history of art, teaching and work in the creative industries. After further study at an art school, Fine Art can lead to careers in design, textiles, fashion or even as a practising artist.

