



**LEVEL 3 / A LEVEL**

# 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.

## 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 on the college website for further details).

Alternatively, submission of a suitable portfolio and successful interview.

## 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 on your previous experience 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 most materials will be provided, you will be asked to purchase display files and certain core items.

## 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.

## 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, which will help you 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.

## 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. Studying a Fine Art course is an excellent way to develop soft skills such as independence. It will improve time management and problem-solving skills, while also developing creative thinking and resilience.

After further study at an art school, Fine Art can lead to careers in design, textiles, fashion or even as a practising artist.