



# ART & DESIGN A-LEVEL

## WHY SHOULD I STUDY A-LEVEL ART & DESIGN?

This course offers opportunities to use your creativity to express yourself. You will develop your understanding of creative processes, your ability to observe and to think, to solve problems and to communicate visually. It will enable you to work independently and to make your own discoveries by exploring ideas, other artists' work and different materials and techniques. If you have an adventurous, creative and enquiring mind and are excited by shaping and determining the visual world around us, there is a career opportunity waiting for you.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

This is a practical course in which you learn by doing, so you will be able to create imaginative personal work. Study of artists, art movements, styles and approaches will inform the development of your own practical art skills. The course covers many aspects of art, craft and design, including drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, ceramics, photography and fine art. You will discover how to use a broad array of different media, techniques, and processes, as well as developing your creativity, problem-solving skills, and independence of mind. Regular sketchbook practice is essential, and visits to galleries, museums and lectures will form an integral part of the course.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

**Coursework:** Personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material – 60%.

**Externally set assignment:** The production of personal work in response to one of eight exciting starting points - 40%. Work is internally assessed and externally moderated.

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

The study and production of visual arts is central to developing capable, inquiring, and knowledgeable minds. This course encourages an active exploration of visual arts and promotes creative thinking and problem solving. Art is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating. You will enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills and responding to ideas and issues in ways that are personal to you.

## WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

As well as developing the creativity that so many employers now seek, this course is particularly suitable for those wish to pursue a career in the arts, architecture, film and digital media, photography, or design. Digital media is one of the largest growth industries in the UK.

**Exam Board:** AQA

