

Academic Requirements

The best foundation for success in AS and A level Art is a high grade at GCSE. AS/A level Art is not an easy option and you should be prepared to work hard at developing your abilities. You should have an understanding of the basic elements of art (colour, tone, form etc) and also some understanding of the place of art, craft and design in the world – its history and purpose. Above all, you should have an interest in creating and understanding art and the determination to develop that interest.

Course Specification: Edexcel Fine Art (9031)

Advanced Subsidiary

Unit 1 Coursework (30% of Advanced GCE or 60% of AS)

Unit 2 Externally Set Assignment (20% of Advanced GCE or 40% of AS). Taken at the end of the AS course and represents the culmination of your work so far.

Advanced Level

Unit 3 Practical coursework and personal study (30% of Advanced GCE)

Unit 4 Externally Set Assignment (20% of Advanced GCE).

Why Art?

Art will enable:

- ◆ The development of a range of skills, processes and practices within art.
- ◆ The development of necessary skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings.
- ◆ The development of imaginative and creative powers and experimental, analytical and documenting skills.
- ◆ The development of a specialist vocabulary and a knowledge and understanding of the place of art, craft and design in history and contemporary society.

To aid:

- ◆ Students who wish to undertake further studies in art, craft and design, usually at art college or in further education.
- ◆ Students who are looking to take up careers for which an art background is relevant. These might include advertising, publishing, architecture, museums, theatre or art gallery work.
- ◆ Students who have an interest in and aptitude for the subject, but who do not intend to take the subject beyond the AS or A level.

A Student's Perspective

'I am totally fascinated by Art and am now beginning to understand what Art is really about. Paintings and drawings can reflect the mood of a person. The design of a house or a piece of furniture all comes from Art. Different people develop different styles of working and I believe that AS Art has helped me develop my own. The Art teachers are really amazing as they seem to possess such a wide knowledge about Art and artists. Their ideas and suggestions they make are particularly valuable.'