A Level Art, Craft & Design

Exam board and specification: AQA A-Level Art, Craft & Design (7201)

What you need to study this course: Grade 5 in GCSE Art.

Why you should consider this course:

A-Level Art is a great choice because it develops creativity, problem-solving and independent thinking, and builds a strong portfolio for future courses like architecture, design and media. This course gives students the freedom to explore personal ideas while gaining valuable, transferable skills. It's a rewarding subject that balances the academic timetable and supports many creative career pathways.

What You Will Study:

Year 12 - You will begin Component 1 (Personal Investigation) based on a given theme.

Year 13 - February: AQA releases the Externally Set Assignment (Component 2). You will choose one theme from the exam paper and produce a project that leads to a final outcome created during the timed exam in the summer.

How You Will Be Assessed:

- The course has two components.
- Component One (60%) follows a theme developed by the school.
- Component Two (40%) is an externally set assignment and the theme is decided by AQA.
- All marking is completed in school and is moderated externally.
- All assessments will follow the four assessment objectives.
- You will have to create a large piece of work in a timed 15-hour exam under exam conditions (spread across 3 days)

All Exams Will Assess You On:

The Art exam will assess you on how well you develop ideas (AO1), experiment with materials and techniques (AO2), record observations and insights (AO3), and produce a personal, meaningful final outcome (AO4).

Where Can It Take You?

The top 5-degree courses taken by students who have the qualification are Fine art, Graphic Design, Architecture, Illustration / Animation, Fashion and Textile Design.

Studying A-level Art gives you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

- Fine Artist
- Illustrator
- Graphic Designer
- Photographer
- Fashion Designer
- Interior Designer
- Art / Creative Director
- Advertising Designer
- Creative Marketing
- Art Teacher / Technician
- Museum / Gallery Educator
- Art Historian
- Art Therapist

A Level Art Alumni Destinations:

University of Essex – Art History

University of Cambridge - Architecture

University of Brighton – Film & Creative Writing

Fashion Retail Academy – Fashion Communications