



# ART & DESIGN

Exam Board: AQA

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## COURSE SUMMARY

In A Level Art you will develop your practical skills and be introduced to new techniques, processes and working methods. You will develop your own areas of interest under set project themes producing evidence of recording, exploring, developing ideas and presenting a personal response.

## WHY STUDY ART AND DESIGN?

Art is an interesting subject and is a good progression from GCSE. There is plenty of freedom for independent learning; teachers really encourage students to try new things, experiment with a range of media and take risks. It is fun and rewarding to see how your work improves and progresses. *Georgie*

*"When I leave school I hope to continue studying an Art and Design Foundation Diploma at Bournemouth Arts University. I have studied Art, Sociology and Textiles." Georgie*

## WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

Students have the freedom to develop coursework, take drawing lessons, have tutorials on how to use new materials and machines and benefit from one-to-one teacher sessions about our work. Teachers also help with post A Level applications, giving advice on compiling portfolios and choosing a higher education course. *Amber*

## COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a new linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13. AS Levels will still exist and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification at the end of Year 12, but students taking this option and then continuing to study the subject in Year 13 would have to sit all the A Level units as linear exams to gain that qualification.

## MIGHT LEAD TO...

If you are thinking about art school, then obviously A Level Art & Design will help hone your skills and create a suitable portfolio. This A Level can also help you demonstrate skills that are valued by universities and employers alike, for example thinking laterally and creatively, and working to a brief. Other jobs that relate directly to art and design include: architect; art restorer; graphic designer; roles in advertising, fashion design and the theatrical arts; photographer; animator; scientific illustrator.

## ADVICE ON ENTRY

Art GCSE is not a requirement, but where students have completed the GCSE course, a B grade or higher is preferred.

## READING AROUND THE SUBJECT

- E H Gombrich, *The Story of Art*
- John Berger, *Ways of Seeing*
- [Baltic](#)
- [BBC – Arts & Culture](#)
- [Crafts Council](#)
- [ICA](#)
- [Le Centre Pompidou](#)
- [MoMA](#)
- [Saatchi Online](#)
- [Tate](#)
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