3D Design

Exam Board: AQA



Course Summary

In A Level 3D Design students will explore three-dimensional media processes and techniques.

Focusing on architecture and product design, students will consider exterior and interior building design, structures and their uses, material properties, ecological design, design history and practitioner research.

Through investigating and making, students will study past and recent examples of design, including European and non-European examples, in order to demonstrate their understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

Students will seek to understand the intended audience and purpose of three-dimensional design and its relationship with its setting.

Students will work to briefs to respond to a design need, using workbooks to underpin practical skills and work.

Entry Requirements

GCSE Product Design/3D Design is not a requirement but where students have completed the course, a Grade 5 is required.

Course Assessment

This is a 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 assessed during Year 13. Assessment is made up of two compulsory components:

- 1. Component 1 is set by the school and is an internally assessed extended project including a written element.
- Component 2 is set by the exam board and comprises an extended project and a 15-hour practical exam (workshop-based), also internally assessed.

Both components are externally moderated.

Where might it lead?

A Level 3D Design is a hands-on course aimed at students who are considering architecture; civil or mechanical engineering; ecological, interior, product or industrial design; or similar careers.



