

Advanced GCE in Art

Board: AQA

Qualification: Advanced Level GCE in Art

What is the course about?

A-level Art provides students with opportunities to develop personal responses to ideas, observations, experiences, environments and cultures in practical, critical and contextual forms. We offer five endorsements for this qualification: Art, Craft and Design; Fine Art; Graphic Communication; Textile Design; Three-Dimensional Design; - students may develop working from more than one specialism.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Personal Investigation (60% of A Level)

This is a practical investigation supported by written material. Students are required to conduct a practical investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. The focus of the investigation must be identified independently by the student and must lead to a finished outcome. The investigation should be a coherent, in- depth study that demonstrates the student's ability to construct and develop a sustained line of reasoning from an initial starting point to a final realisation. The investigation must be informed by an aspect of contemporary or past practice of artists, photographers, designers or craftspeople. The response is between 1000 and 3000 words of continuous prose.

Component 2: Externally set assignment (40 % of A Level)

The question paper will consist of a choice of eight questions to be used as starting point. Students will select one. Students will be provided with examination papers on 1 February or as soon as possible after that. Following receipt of the paper students should consider the starting points and investigate the question in class time with advice and guidance from members of staff.

Supervised time- 15 hours

Following the preparatory period, students must complete 15 hours of unaided, supervised time where they will produce their final outcome(s).



What skills shall I develop during the course?

The aims of the course are to enable our students to learn how to develop and produce personal creative work within an art and design context, understood across a broad number of creative disciplines; to analyse their own visual work as well as evaluate and learn from work by other artists, designers and crafts people.

What you will do

- Develop your ability to perceive and express concepts and feeling
- Record from observation and personal experience
- Experience, innovate, use intuition and imagination
- Analyse and evaluate problems
- Research
- Complete a practical based personal investigation.

Can I continue with this qualification?

Studying A-Level Art can lead to a huge range of university degree courses in Architecture, Interior Design, Interior Decoration, Surface Design, Fashion, Textiles, Glass, Ceramics, Exhibition Design, Photography, Film, Video and Television, Animation, Illustration Graphics, Product Design, Furniture Design, Fine Art and Community Arts.