

A Level Fine Art Awarding Body: AQA

Course content

The course involves exploring, researching and acquiring techniques and developing skills, knowledge and understanding in a range of media specific to Fine Art.

Year 1 Coursework Portfolio

Students will undertake a series of projects in order to build up a coursework portfolio. Beginning with a theme students will develop skills and knowledge by exploring a wide range of media and techniques including drawing and painting, printmaking, sculpture and photography. Students will also be required to undertake research and explore the ideas surrounding artist's work and methods, and relate this to the development of their own work. The first year is like a foundation course where you are encouraged to build on strengths learned at GCSE and begin to specialise in one area.

Mock Controlled Assignment

This takes the form of a timed test responding to a theme of interest. Students will have ten hours of controlled time to develop their idea into a final outcome.

Assessment

Year 2 Personal Investigation (60%)

This comprises a major practical project developed on an individual basis which should have a personal significance and direction. Students will choose their own media and themes in consultation with members of staff. Students will explore and investigate a personal topic which also involves writing a 1000-3000 word essay relating to your practical work.

Controlled Assignment (40%)

This takes the form of a timed test responding to a question set by the exam board. You will have eight weeks to prepare and fifteen hours of controlled time to develop your idea into a final outcome.

Progression

Our aim is to expose students to as broad a range of methods and approaches as we can. We will encourage students to develop their work in line with their own interests and strengths as well as equipping students with a solid foundation of skills. This enables students to build up a solid portfolio of work both for the examination and for entry to art related courses beyond A level. The majority of our students go on to further study on Art Foundation courses and have been highly successful in their applications straight onto degree courses from A level. Our partnership with UCA entitles students to automatic entry onto the foundation diploma and a guaranteed place being offered at degree level.

Entry Requirements

GCSE Art grade 5. GCSE English grade 4 or above. Students undertaking this course will need to have a grade 5 at GCSE in one of the following courses: Art, Textiles or Graphics.