

FINE ART A LEVEL

Level: A LEVEL Fine Art

2 Year Course

Awarding Body: AQA

Students undertaking this course will need to have a C grade at GCSE in one of the following courses: Art, Textiles or Graphics. It is also useful to have a good English GCSE, grade C or above.

Course Structure and Content

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. You will also be required to undertake research and explore the ideas surrounding artist's work and methods, and relate this to the development of your own work. The first year is like a foundation course where you are encouraged to build on strengths learned at GCSE and begin to specialize in one area.

Mock Controlled Assignment

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

Year 2

Personal Investigation

This comprises a major practical project developed on an individual basis and having a personal significance and direction. You will choose your 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

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 you to develop your work in line with your own interests and strengths as well as equipping you 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.

Entry Requirements

GCSE Art grade C

GCSE English grade C

Contact

For further details please contact Mrs N Hayden, Head of Art.

ART COURSE FEES.

Please be prepared that depending on the materials you wish to use for your work you might have to purchase specialist materials yourself including any fabrics.

We ask for a £20 contribution in each year of the course to cover the costs of Cartridge paper, printing and other Art materials used on the course. There will also be the opportunity to purchase an Art pack from the Art department including a portfolio, paints, brushes and pencils. In addition to the above you will be required to purchase either an A4 or A3 sketchbook for coursework and one for exam @ £7.50 each.

A4 paper- we supply all printing paper together with the use of an excellent quality printer, however if you wish to print out on A4 glossy paper for your sketchbook you will need to purchase this separately.