

Art and Design



What our students say:

“In art we are given the freedom to find our own style and voice, and produce pieces of work we can be really proud of.”

Why this course is right for you:

Bringing together influences from history's greatest visual artists through the prism of your own response to the world around you is what A Level art students do. We offer you a creative, dynamic course which helps you to develop your technical and analytical skills through a broad range of media to create a personal portfolio. Commitment to the course is vital: you will work independently, and you will create every day.

All students study a core curriculum covering drawing, mixed media, painting, sculpture and printmaking in order to find your own artistic voice. Working from a range of primary and secondary sources in the classroom, regular gallery visits allow you to experience the work of other artists first hand.

If you're interested in working in the media, being an artist, creative, animator, film maker, designer or photographer, you should study this course.

What you need to know:

Exam board: AQA

Who to speak to: Ms Tallis

Topics Covered:

In the first year of the course students are given a thorough grounding in core skills through experimentation. After the spring break, students continue to develop their own ideas and specialisms more thoroughly whilst working on a personal coursework project.

Assessment:

Year 1 - Continual, ongoing assessment. Students have specific, personal targets written in consultation with teachers. Final personal coursework starts at the spring break.

Year 2 - One complete coursework personal project produced in eight school months. Exam preparation for three months and a final piece completed in a 15 hour exam.

Entry requirements:

Grade 5 in GCSE Art required

Grade 6 in GCSE Art desired

Co-curricular/trips:

Annual visits to both local and national galleries and exhibitions. Enrichment life drawing is organised every year, with visiting tutors from Weston College.