



SIXTH FORM

# Art, Craft & Design

**UNENDORSED**

Edexcel  
AS 8AD01/A2 9AD01



## **ADDENDUM**

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**The GCSE Art entry requirement for this course is A\* - B, NOT A\* - C as misprinted in the Sixth Form prospectus. Our apologies for any confusion this may cause.**

### **WHY CHOOSE ART?**

Art, Craft & Design A Level is now an unendorsed course that encompasses a range of disciplines. The course is designed to improve your creative abilities by helping you develop a range of techniques and an ability to work experimentally in a variety of 2D and 3D media.

You will research from primary and secondary sources, undertake close, indepth critical analysis of artists' work, and develop a range of ideas which will lead to creative and original final outcomes. Successful completion of AS is a requirement of progression onto A2.

### **HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?**

Art is accepted as a valid AS/A2 examination for meeting UCAS requirements for university degrees in other subjects. If you are planning to go on to a Higher Education course in Art and Design, an A level in art is essential.

Our AS/A2 courses will enable you to accumulate a portfolio of recognised quality for entry onto Art Foundation courses and to Art and Design degrees. Degree courses are available in areas such as Graphic Design, Textiles, Fine Art, Fashion, Illustration, Interior Design, Photography, Ceramics, 3-D Design, Glass, Jewellery Design, History of Art, Theatre Set Design and many more. Art is also useful for prospective Architecture students.

Employment Opportunities are equally numerous and varied including areas such as advertising, graphic design, textile design, fashion design, product design, computer animation, visual communication, illustration, television, film, interior design, furniture design, and teaching.

### **WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?**

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A\*-C. You will be required to have achieved an A\*, A or B grade in Art at GCSE. Additionally you will be expected to be enthusiastic about Art, to be creative, and to be prepared to work hard both in and out of school.

Each unit of AS and A2 requires substantial and well-researched supporting work, including a sketch book, culminating in one or more final pieces. The ability to critically analyse artworks in writing is a strong advantage. The ability to complete each Unit by the deadline dates is essential. Students will be expected to visit art galleries.

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

Students will complete two units in Year 12:

**Unit 1:** Coursework – a substantial teacher led unit which includes exploration of techniques and skills using observational and other sources as starting points and a project based on a given theme.

**Unit 2:** An externally set assignment, involving several weeks of preparation work culminating in a timed final piece (eight hours).

In both of these units importance is given to supporting work (annotated sketch books and other developmental work) - reference to other artists, the experimental use of media, observational research and development of ideas.

## HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

Unit 1: 60% of AS Level (30% of A Level)

Unit 2: 40% of AS Level (20% of A Level)

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 – THE A2 LEVEL?

A further two units will be studied in Year 13:

**Unit 3:** Coursework - a substantial unit which includes

**(a)** a practical project which explores a theme chosen by the student.

**(b)** an extended written study of an aspect of other artists' work which is connected to the theme of the practical project.

**Unit 4:** Externally Set Assignment - a given theme is the starting point for several weeks of preparatory work, culminating in a timed final piece.

As in the AS Level, importance is attached to supporting work, sketchbooks, observational research and development of ideas.

## HOW IS A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

Carried forward from AS Level: 50% of A Level.

Coursework Unit 3: 30% of A Level.

Externally Set Assignment Unit 4: 20% of A Level.

## HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: minimum 4 hours per week.

A2 Level: minimum 5 hours per week.

