

Art A Level

The AQA A Level Art syllabus encourages a broad approach, which allows you to develop a sound grounding, in a number of areas while still exploring the subject in depth.

Although a GCSE Art grade C pass is normally required for taking the A Level course, suitable students who can demonstrate drawing skills and creativity will be considered. It is expected that you will have developed sufficient understanding and skills for the programme of study at 'A' level to be rewarding and enjoyable in its own right.

The course involves the development of your skills and understanding in drawing and painting and mixed media with a greater emphasis on depth and focus.

Looking at contemporary and historical art styles will form the basis for critical and contextual studies alongside your own practical work.

You will need to use study periods as well as up to 5 hours homework each week to continue and add to your class work.

The Post 16 Art Room in Design is available to be used outside of normal lesson times in order for you to get the most out of the course.

COURSE STRUCTURE

YEAR 1

Unit 1 **Coursework Portfolio**
50% of year 1
25% of the total 'A' Level mark

Unit 2 **Externally Set Assignment**
50% of year 1
25% of the total 'A' Level mark

YEAR 2

Unit 3 **Personal Investigation**
25% of the total A Level mark

Unit 4 **Externally Set Assignment**
25% of the total A Level mark

CAREER OPTIONS

The usual route of entry for Higher Education is via a one year Foundation or BTEC Course. Degree courses are available offering a wide range of Art and Design subjects.

CAREER OPTIONS CONT.

Some careers may require specific qualifications at degree level and more detailed information should be obtained from your careers advisers. There are many opportunities in Art and Design and it is also worth noting that both standards and competition are high. Below is a selection of possible careers linked to Art and Design.

Advertising Designer	Animator	Antiques dealer	Art buyer
Art Dealer	Art exhibition coordinator	Art historian	Art Teacher
Audio visual artist/designer	Book illustrator/Designer	CAD Designer	Calligrapher
Cartoonist	Cinematographer	Costume Designer	
Courtroom artist	Exhibition, Fabric, Fashion, or Graphic Designer	Illustrator	
Interior Decorator	Interior, Jewellery, Knitwear, or Label designer		
Layout Artist	Medical illustrator	Milinery designer	Mural artist
Museum Artist	Photographer	Photojournalist	
Printing Designer	Printing layout Artist	Product designer	
Scene Designer	Sculptor	Set Designer	Retail buyer
Silkscreen Artist	Stained glass Artist	Textile designer	
Trademark Designer	Typographical Designer		
Upholstery fabric Designer	Valuer and auctioneer	Web designer	

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