

Important Questions and Answers

We do Edexcel A Level Art & Design, specification 9AD0 and our students regularly get excellent results and go on to study art in further education. It is a 2D painting and drawing course that is structured to meet the requirements of the exam. The unit has two major elements, supporting studies and practical work. Written and practical work are of equal importance. The course consists of three projects, an introduction project, Portraits and Personal Identity, Component 1: Passions and Obsessions 60%, Component 2: Externally set assignment 40%. Initially the course is structured but as it progresses students develop their ideas with increasing creativity and we encourage choice where they can incorporate their own interests into the projects.

What materials should I obtain before starting the course?

Every Artist needs a tool kit containing basic equipment we encourage pupils to get this through the department.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

The best foundation for success in A Level Art & Design is a high level at GCSE, 6 to 9 is essential unless there are special circumstances. It would also be an advantage to have good literacy skills as you will be required to complete written work for your contextual study.

What kind of student is the course suitable for?

This course is not an easy option and you should be prepared to work hard at developing your abilities. You should have an understanding of the basic elements of art – colour, tone, form, texture etc, and also some understanding of the place of art, craft and design in the world – its history and purpose. Above all, you should have an interest in creating and understanding art and the determination to develop that interest.

What will I learn on this Advanced GCE course?

The main purpose of this course is to develop your ability to appreciate the visual world and to respond in a personal and creative way. The skills you develop will be varied. You will develop your imaginative and creative powers and your experimental, analytical and documenting skills. You will also develop a specialist vocabulary and the knowledge and understanding of the place of art, craft and design in history and in contemporary society.

A Level Art & Design is suitable for students:

- With an interest in and aptitude for the subject, but who do not intend to study it further.
- Who wish to study art, craft and design at a higher level usually at Art College or further education.
- Who are looking to take up careers for which an art background is relevant, for example careers in advertising, publishing, architecture, museums, theatre or art gallery work.

