# **Course Information**

# A Level Art



#### What is A Level Art?

A Level Art will allow students the chance to build their understanding of a variety of artistic techniques and styles that encourages them to develop independent curiosity and improve their research and developing skills. Students will get to experience a number of different experimentation work including 2D drawing, painting, textiles and printing as well as 3D work such as Clay, Plaster, Wood and installation work. Students will also get the opportunity to work outside the classroom through gallery and museum visits as well as other venues. These visits will allow students to develop their observational and documentation skills further.

#### What does the course cover?

Within this 2 year course pupils will develop their ability to develop their own investigations from the themes provided to them. They will gain a greater understanding of different artistic techniques and new and exciting experiments they would not have experienced in previous years. Students will be able to create work that is personal and creative and will potentially lead to a career within the industry. The skills students will develop include personal investigations and research, ability to explore the potential of different media as well as show in-depth understanding of the theme and showing a development of ideas. Students will be able to produce a selection of work within a sketchbook and larger pieces in a portfolio of work as well as a final piece that has accumulated from all their coursework research and exploration.

#### What themes are studied?

In the students first year they will start the course with looking at the formal elements in art in the first half term, after this time students will then be given their theme for their coursework which will be continued through until the January of their Year 13. In this time they will also write a personal statement to help support their studies. It will be at this point students will start their exam preparation and sit their exam. During these studies students will present their responses to the title/s provided.

## Assessment

The teachers will assess and mark all units for A Level and the marks are moderated by AQA at the end of the 2 years by presenting their work for an exhibition.

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#### **Practical work**

A set practical work on a set topic and a written personal study approx. 1000-3000 words- 60%

#### **Externally Set Work**

Preparation time to research and develop ideas then a 15 hour exam- 40%

#### Course entry requirements

Level 5 or equivalent in a GCSE Art course.

### What next?

There are many opportunities to further your studies in Art through Universities, Colleges and Work Placements. After your studies the career opportunities for students with art specialism include media/ film and print, web design, game design, architecture, design, interior design, set design, fashion, art sales, museums and galleries, industry, education, schools, colleges and university, child care, security, advertising, engineering, professional artist, art dealer, marketing and many more.

For more information about the courses, you're suitable for them, and possible career paths for students with art skills, please talk to your art teacher or Mrs Hawkins or Mrs Redfern, Head of Faculty Art and DT.