



What will I learn?	The two year Edexcel GCE in A-Level Art, Craft & Design will provide a solid foundation for your progression to Foundation Courses and HE degrees, whether in a creative field or not.
Highlights	You will generate practical work, ideas and research from sources. You will experiment with media, processes, develop and refine ideas, and present outcomes. Much of the practical work for this syllabus is studio based which sits alongside an exciting art programme incorporating artist workshops and visits, life drawing classes, art focused lectures and visits to degree shows and art exhibitions. Here you can develop your abilities of observation and analysis of the visual world, using your growing technical skill, personal expression and imagination to build a portfolio of work. The course stimulates interest, enjoyment and personal enrichment as well as introducing artistic exploration, encouraging abstract thought and design rational.
What are the recommended entry requirements?	Grade 7 at GCSE in any Art and Design subject would be preferable.
How will I be assessed?	<p>Component 1: Personal Investigation – 60%</p> <p>The progression within your coursework, will cover all the Assessment Objectives and is broken down as follows:</p> <p>Year One: During the first part of the academic year you will explore a variety of materials, processes and techniques through tutor led workshops, with the emphasis on developing practical skills and building up a diverse portfolio of work. This is in preparation for the individual Personal Project which begins in the second half of the first year.</p> <p>Year Two: In the second year you will continue to draw upon previous learning experiences to undertake and direct your own learning through your Personal Project. This involves assessed practical coursework and a written related study, which is a c.3000 word piece of continuous prose worth 12% of the total qualification and is marked out of 18. This research project will be integrated into your practical investigations. These two parts count for 60% of the total A Level mark.</p> <p>Component 2: Externally set assignment (ESA) – 40%</p> <p>The remaining 40% of the marks are from the Externally Set Assignment (examination). The examination paper is released on 1st February of Y13 and accounts for the remaining 40% of your final mark. You will respond to a broad-based thematic starting point to encourage independence in developing ideas, intentions and a response. There is no separate written component for this unit.</p>
What are the costs?	A selection of Art media such as drawing pencils, inks, oil pastels and paints for use at home. A sketchbook and an A1 size art portfolio are available for purchase through school. Cost of travel and entrance to galleries and exhibitions including those independently organised.
Future Opportunities	Students that have completed this course have progressed to university to study: Fine Art, Textile Design, Fashion Design, Graphics and Advertising, Photography, Multimedia, Architecture, Product Design, Illustration and studied at the respected UK universities. Many University courses are looking for a good mixture in what transferable skills you can bring to their course and an Art, Craft & Design A-level offers just that!