

ART & DESIGN GCE AS/A2 LEVEL

EXAMINATION BOARD:

AS: EDEXCEL

A2: EDEXCEL

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Anyone wishing to study Art and Design at A level must achieve a minimum of a Grade C at GCSE in Art. They must also possess good observational drawing skills and the willingness to work independently and take risks.

OVERVIEW:

Students will explore ideas and concepts from a given theme and use this to undertake their own research. They will then use their research to develop and explore ideas and experiment before producing a personal response. Students may work in a variety of media, but will be expected to include drawing as a core element.

YEAR 12 AS LEVEL UNITS:

Component One: **Personal Investigation – 50%**

Students will work from a selected theme. They will be expected to research ideas around the theme before embarking on a personal journey. They will explore the work of other artists and along with their own primary sources they will record ideas, experiment with materials and processes before producing a personal response.

Component Two: **Externally Set Assignment – 50%**

The theme is released by the exam board in January giving students time to generate and explore ideas through research and experimentation. They will refine ideas as their work progresses and produce a personal portfolio of written and practical work before producing their final outcome in a 10 hour examination.

YEAR 13 A2 LEVEL UNITS:

Component One: **Personal Investigation – 60%**

This unit of work involves three major elements: supporting studies and preparation work, a personal practical outcome and a written personal study of no less than 1000 words. The study is worth 12% of the final grade.

Component Two: **Externally Set Assignment – 40%**

This is released by the exam board in February and contains a theme and possible starting points. Students will research and explore ideas before experimenting with different media and processes and refining ideas to develop a final solution. This will be completed in a 15 hour examination.

LEARNING & ASSESSMENT:

All units of work are assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the exam board. Students will be expected to produce work which meets all of the criteria for the different Assessment Objectives.

COURSES & CAREERS:

There are many choices open to students following an A level qualification in Art and Design. Many choose to go on to study at Foundation Level at a local college before embarking on an appropriate degree course. A level Art provides many opportunities for further study especially when combined with other creative courses and may lead to careers in Graphics, Photography, Architecture, Illustration, Fashion or Design.