

# AQA Advanced Level AS/A2 Art and Design



## Entry Requirements

Students should have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSEs (Please note that subjects can only be counted once); national data shows that this course is not suitable for students with an average GCSE points score of less than 37.9. An informal interview with staff concerned is required and students without GCSE Art must discuss and agree progression onto the course with their respective Heads of Art. Students will be expected to supply themselves with clothing protection, e.g. an apron (this may be purchased through the school if desired or independently) or an old shirt.

## Course Description

The 'A' level course requires that 4 major units of practical, creative experience are completed across the two-year programmes of study. In order to progress from the first to the second year of the course students must pass a practical externally set assignment. Successful completion of the first year secures an AS level for students. The full 'A' level qualification, A2, is achieved through completion of the 2-year programme of study.

## Learning Style

Students will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of two and three dimensional media processes and techniques. It has to be stressed that drawing skills are a key element of all aspects of the course. These will include painting, drawing, print making and sculpture as well as being introduced to a range of Art, Craft and Design of the past and present from across the world. Students will be encouraged to respond to a range of experiences in both a creative, practical and analytical way. Considerable importance is attached to the practical exploration of processes and techniques as well as the development of finished work. Sketchbooks, notebooks and workbooks are an integral part of the ongoing development of each student's thoughts and ideas.

## Assessment

Assessment is continuous and formalised by regular reviews of each student's portfolio. A final grade is awarded by the examination board based on work submitted for coursework and the controlled test components.

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| Year 12 AS Level | Coursework<br>Unit 1<br>50% | Controlled Test<br>Unit 2<br>50% |
| Year 13 A2 Level | Coursework<br>Unit 3<br>50% | Controlled Test<br>Unit 4<br>50% |

## Career Opportunities and Pathways

The study of Art at this level can lead to a broad range of arts related careers in two and three dimensional design and visual communication. These include Product and 3D Design, Fashion and Textiles, Graphics, Photography, Fine Art or Teaching as well as all the promotion and marketing industries related to the world of design. In addition, the study of Art could be seen as complementary to students who are studying other subjects which lead to careers which involve an element of creative thought e.g. Architecture, Town Planning, Arts Administration, Psychology, Sociology and Archaeology etc. Art also develops skills of analysis and realisation that are valued by employers in much broader fields.

### Subject staff contacts for further information:

Mr Morgan at Kingsmead  
Mr Gill at Norton Canes  
Mrs King at Blake Valley  
Miss Inns at Blake Valley