

# Art and Design

## Subject content

Fine Art encompasses a wide range of techniques and processes with a particular emphasis on drawing. All students will undertake academic drawing tuition, including life drawing, in order to develop key skills before developing their own ideas and specialisms. Students can also explore painting, print, 3D, photography and digital processes. This course is an award of EDEXCEL. You can see the course specifications by downloading the A Level Art and Design Specifications [<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Art%20and%20Design/2015/specification-and-sample-assessment-materials/GCE-A-level-Art-and-Design-specification-Issue-4.pdf>] booklet.

## Learning methods

In the first year students study a skills-based foundation course preparing them for the first major project (Personal Investigation), worth 60% of the total A Level mark. The Personal Investigation begins towards the end of the first year and continues up until the end of January of the second year to give each candidate the time needed to create individual, ambitious work with an in-depth exploration of a personal theme. This project is then followed by an externally set assignment worth 40% of the total A Level mark and encompasses a 15-hour formal exam at the end of the project.

## Specific entry requirements

GCSE Grade 4 or above in Art and Design (Fine Art or Art and Design) Prospective students can also bring a portfolio of work to their interview for discussion.

## Equipment/additional costs

Students pay a studio fee at the start of the first term. This provides a basic personal art kit and general materials for the year. More specialist materials are available at extra cost.

## Assessment

The course is 60% coursework. Students will be required to submit completed projects on set deadlines for assessment. Some assessments will be carried out in one-to-one discussions with your tutor to check progress before final submissions of completed coursework. The 15-hour exam at the end of the Externally Set Assignment is marked as part of the whole project and is worth 40% of your final grade.

## Progression opportunities

You can progress to Higher Education to study a variety of Art-related courses such as fine art, sculpture, graphics, textiles and photography. The portfolio of practical work produced on this course will also be useful for interviews, employment and further study. Potential career routes include: fine art, graphic design, animation, illustration, product design, media, marketing, advertising and fashion.

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