

Fine Art

Qualifications

Exam board: EDEXCEL Art and Design (Fine Art) 9FA0

End of Year 13 – A2 Level (two year course only)

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 passes at grade 5 or higher (including English and Maths). A minimum of a grade 5 in art is required.

Skills Required

The course centres on the capability to develop, explore, record and realise ideas. To do this, students need effective observation and visual recording skills using a variety of styles and techniques. It is important to be open to new ideas, techniques and processes as well as having a willingness to accept a challenge and take a risk. Critical and analytical skills are used to evaluate students' own work and that of others. Effective organisation is crucial to managing your time and ensuring that you meet the deadlines.

Course Outline

Year 12 is a foundation where you can explore new techniques and approaches. The aim is to understand what you are interested in and subjects to want to look at. You will be introduced to new ways of working in areas such as photography, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics, as well as developing your painting and drawing skills. Topics vary each year but have included Forgotten Places, the narrative in Ceramics. Gallery visits are an important part of the course and we aim to see a range of work by national and internationally renowned artists.

In Year 13 you progress to creating your personal portfolio and this will be your examined coursework. This will be based upon a topic of your own choice. You will be expected to demonstrate effective practical skills, good organisation in your work journal, as well as be able to research artists' work critically. This will constitute 40% of your marks. A further 10% will come from a written study of an art subject linked to your practical work.

You will complete the course by undertaking an externally set piece of work. You have 2 terms to prepare for this and 12 hours to complete the work.

Student Testimony

"I think the Fine Art course gives you the opportunities to really explore the subject that you're interested in. It also gives you the chance to push your own ability to the very limit. You learn how to develop a piece of work or an idea from a basic starting point to a fantastic and creative outcome. It also encourages you to think in depth and you have to keep trying new things which means that you are not always in your comfort zone. But once you have done it, the satisfaction is the best feeling you'll get in the world."

Career Paths & Degree Courses

This course provides an excellent stepping stone for those wishing to pursue the subject further. The common route is to progress to a foundation course and then to degree level. Thereafter careers in the creative industries are all possible. An Art A Level is also an asset for anybody considering a variety of other careers as it demonstrates skills such as creativity, imagination, organisation, analysis, teamwork and perseverance to name a few.

Year 12	Year 13
Coursework Continual assessment which is internally marked.	Coursework Continual assessment which is internally marked and externally moderated at the end of the course. A critical and continual study
Internally Set Assignment Internally marked	Externally Set Assignment Internally marked and externally moderated