

Linear A Level: Art

Art and Design

Examination Board: EDEXCEL

Who should take the course?

Before Undertaking an A Level discipline within Art, Craft and Design, you should have met the entrance criteria in GCSE Art, one of its related subjects, or be able to produce a high quality portfolio.

What will I learn?

The course covers a range of activities and more in-depth assignments that enable students to explore a range of two or three dimensional approaches. You will have the opportunity to experiment with different media in order to explore your strengths and preferences. Students will show evidence of trying to extend their own and others' way of seeing the world. Work produced for this qualification will demonstrate the use of formal elements and creative skills in a process of creative problem solving.

Students can work in one or more of the disciplines in Component 1 and Component 2 which is the externally set Assignment.

How is it assessed?

All students are required to:

- Record observations, experiences, ideas, information and insights appropriate to intentions
- Analyse and critically evaluate art and design practices demonstrating an understanding of purposes, meanings and contexts
- Use art and design practise to develop ideas through sustained investigations and exploration, selecting and using materials, processes and resources, identifying and interpreting relationships and analysing methods and outcomes
- Identify issues relevant to art and design
- Use a variety of materials and techniques appropriately
- Illustrate the value of a cross-disciplinary approach
- Write clearly in an analytical and critical manner

60% of the final mark is given to coursework and 40% is for the externally set assignment set by Edexcel. The externally set assignment is teacher led for approximately 8 to 10 weeks culminating in a 15 hour examination.

Where will it take me?

On completion of your GCE Fine Art course, you might progress to further or higher education. Courses might include:

- A creative arts foundation course
- A creative degree course of your choice at University
- An arts apprentice

There are many careers in with in the creative industry. Most of these do require further study at an art school, further education college or university. If you are unsure about whether to make a career of the subject, the best thing to do is to speak to your teacher who will know about the courses on offer in your area or elsewhere.

At present most students wishing to take Art go on to do a one year 'Foundation' course at college of further education or university before applying to degree courses in more specialist areas of art and design.

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