

Why study A Level Art and Design?

The creative arts are one of the fastest growing employment areas. At university, students can choose from a range of options including fine art, textile design, industrial design, graphic design and digital arts. If you are creative and have a talent for the subject you will experience successful outcomes on this A Level Art and Design course. Why not explore and develop your creative skills further in our inspiring arthaus? You will benefit from guidance from staff who are dedicated to ensuring students receive the best possible artistic and educational experience.

What new skills will I learn?

Studying A Level Art and Design at Brooksbank enables students to develop their skills and interests through a variety of projects and workshops. A good grade at GCSE is the best springboard for success at A Level, as you will have learned the basics on this course.

You will develop written and practical work in response to the personal and set themes. You will choose from a range of media to explore and create your own ideas and responses which will culminate in a final portfolio of work.

Experiencing fine art at first hand is extremely important for developing understanding as well as being essential for the research project in A Level. Students take advantage of numerous visits to galleries across the country and abroad. Last year, students were invited to exhibit their work at a variety of galleries and exhibition spaces.

Careers in Art and Design ...

Studying Art and Design develops a valuable set of skills in students. Your knowledge of a wide range of materials will make you a highly practical individual. Heightened observation and writing skills will develop your levels analytical thinking. Working to deadlines will enable you to become an efficient time manager.

Members of the Art Department place great importance on nurturing a creative and independent approach to learning; these will be invaluable as you make your way in the world beyond school.

Additionally, we aim to encourage learners to become a highly perceptive individuals with a sense of identity, which will enable you to contribute to a wider context.

An A Level in Art and Design is an ideal qualification for those seeking a career in one of the many art and design industries.

Career options are vast: from designer crafts, photography, packaging, web design, interior design, graphic design and fashion design.

Consider this course if you want to be a photographer, web designer, interior designer, graphic designer or teacher.

Choose this extremely rewarding course if you are passionate about art, wish to study a subject with lots of creative career opportunities and want to learn in a spacious and inspiring arthaus.

Course Outline

Students are introduced to a variety of experiences employing a range of media, processes and techniques appropriate to the chosen area of study. Students have an externally set assignment with five exciting starting points of which they choose one to develop. The work could be of a developmental nature or an outcome which is fully completed.

Students are asked to complete a personal investigation. They develop written and practical work in response to an idea, issue, concept or theme of their own choosing. Students have an externally set assignment from a variety of exciting starting points, of which one is chosen for development.

This assignment culminates into a final outcome.

Assessment Objectives

Marks are awarded in the following areas:

AO1 - Analysing and experimenting using the work of other artists;

AO2 - Experimenting with materials and developing ideas;

AO3 - Recording observations in a variety of forms;

AO4 - Personal responses.

Lead Teachers: Ms H Mouzdi

Exam Board: AQA

Sixth Form Entry Requirements: Assessment:

Students must have a minimum of at least five GCSEs at grades 9 - 4. These must include English Language and at least four other subjects.

Component 1: Personal Investigation

60% of the full A Level.

Internally set and marked.

Externally moderated.

Work required: Work journals, coursework, final piece/s and a 1,000-word personal study.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment

40% of the full A Level.

Externally set.

Internally marked.

Externally moderated.

Work required: Work journals and a 15-hour exam piece.

Additional Requirements

Grade 4 or above in an arts-based GCSE subject.

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