

Art and Design: Fine Art

A Level



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Exam Board: **Edexcel**

What is Fine Art?

The Edexcel Fine Art course will enable you to develop your understanding of the creative process and learn to communicate visually. Areas of study include using observational skills to draw from life. Experimenting with a range of different material types including oil pastels, watercolour paints, acrylic paints, chalk and charcoal, pencils, Photoshop, collage, lino printing and pen and ink drawings to establish a style that suits you best to artistically express yourself and your ideas in the personal investigation project and the exam project. Alongside the practical skills you'll also learn to use analytical thinking, creative problem solving, working independently, researching images and sources to communicate effectively with visual images.

What will I study?

Component 1: Personal Investigation (Coursework- 60% of the total qualification)

Includes evidence in developing ideas, exploring media, developing and applying skills, researching, recording, analysing, reviewing, creating and presenting outcomes from different personal starting points. The portfolio is made up of supportive studies, practical work and a minimum 1000 words personal study (critical written communication).

Component 2: Externally set Assignment (Examination- 40% of the total qualification)

Again, as above but the theme is externally set by the exam board.

What entry requirements will I need?

In addition to the general entry requirements you will need to achieve a grade 5 or higher at GCSE in this subject or a similar one such as Art and Design or Photography.

How will I be taught?

Most teaching will be on a one-to-one basis to develop personal themes, responses, interests and outcomes.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1:

Your Personal Investigation will be assessed mainly on your Practical Work and on your Personal Study, an essay of no less than 1000 words and no more than 3000 words.

Component 2:

Your preparatory studies will be a creative response to a broad-based theme released on 1st February of the second year, concluding with a final response realised in exam conditions over a period of 15 hours.

What career opportunities does this open up?

Students have gone on to study and work in many disciplines such as Graphics, Photography, Architecture, Fashion and textiles Design, Fine Art, History of Art, Game design, Film and Media Studies. The manual dexterity and problem-solving skills developed in art are highly valued in many careers.