



ART & DESIGN A LEVEL

EXAMINATION BOARD

AQA Art & Design (Art, Craft and Design)

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSE A* - C grades, including Grade 9 – 4 English and Mathematics
GCSE Art & Design Grade A* - C

ABOUT ART & DESIGN

Every good company realises that creativity and good design are important factors in generating new business. So your creativity isn't just a way of satisfying your artistic soul, it can open the door to exciting career opportunities as well. Art, Craft and Design gives you the skills and knowledge to create personal and imaginative work. You can choose to focus on a specialist area of study from a variety of exciting processes and media to suit your individual interests and abilities. This can result in degree opportunities and careers ranging from painting portraits to producing exotic fashion costumes or designing futuristic architecture. If you have an adventurous, creative and enquiring mind and are excited by shaping and determining the visual world around us, there is a career opportunity waiting for you.

THE COURSE

You will follow the Art and Design program offered by AQA. This broad-based course explores practical, critical and contextual work through a range of 2D and/or 3D processes and media. There are two coursework units and one final unit which is the externally set task by the exam board. In the first unit you will be led through a unit of work by your subject teacher and shown a variety of skills and exploration of a variety of materials linked to the theme coastlines. In the second unit of work you will devise your own investigation linked to a theme of your choosing. You will then show a variety of skills which will then be presented to an external moderator. During the course you will have opportunities to go on trips where you will be able to make first hand recordings linked to the theme 'Coastlines'.

ASSESSMENT

The third and final unit is the exam unit. The exam board will send you a variety of starting points where you must select one and develop a project linked to the theme you chose. At the end of the course there is an exhibition where all your work produced is presented to the examiner and marks are awarded according to the assessment objectives.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Further study and career opportunities are plentiful. Possible degree options would include: Architecture, Art conservation, Art history, Art therapy, Fashion design, Film/video production, Fine art, Graphic design, Illustration, Interior design, Jewellery design, Photography, Product design, Textile design, Theatre design, Three-dimensional design, Web design.....