

# Art & Design

You will complete and A level over two years, and will experience workshops and explore and develop skills in drawing, painting printing, ceramics, sculpture, photography and textiles to create a visual understanding and communication your thoughts and ideas. The Art department staff are specialists in these areas and are thoroughly passionate about the subject.

Learn to conduct research, contribute to discussions and experiment with a range of materials, before selecting your preferred medias, refining you practices and developing new and interesting personal ways of working.

Our art and photography students work together and support each other; they hold regular group critiques to build confidence and refine both verbal and refined practice. This A level is for you if you are creative, work hard, keep to deadlines are committed to the subject.

Students regularly go on trips and gallery visits to the Saatchi Gallery, Tate Modern, National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery, Kew Gardens and others, with opportunities for residential trips to galleries abroad e.g. Paris or Berlin. We invite business to hire students' work to display in their premises. During exhibitions, students may sell their work, making an interesting and successful introduction to the art world.

## WHERE TO NEXT?

Creative thinking is highly valued by employers, and the course provides many transferable and respected skills. A large percentage of students go on to study art related degrees at university or find apprenticeships in many sectors. Positions include architect (with maths), graphic designer, illustrator, special effects make-up artist, car designer (physics and art) stage designer, lecturer, textile designer, marketing, animator, fashion designer, jewellery designer and teacher.



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## Assessment

60% coursework,  
40% exams.

The exam is also coursework based, and is an externally set assignment, with the starting point set by AQA in February of the second year.