



ART & DESIGN FINE ARTS A LEVEL (AQA)



A-Level art will be exciting, creative, inspiring, demanding and fun! Creativity and the ability to take risks and use your imagination is the next big thing. Every business, no matter what type, realises that creativity and good design are vital for generating new business. Your creativity is not just a way to satisfy your artistic soul, it can open up the door to exciting career opportunities as well.

What will you learn?

You will experiment with and investigate a whole range of media, techniques and processes, from charcoal drawing to Photoshop to screen printing to sculpture you just can't have enough ideas when it comes to expressing yourself! The emphasis will be learning by doing and you will be expected to create imaginative, personal work. You will be given the opportunity to develop your own personal responses to ideas, objects, experiences, environments and cultures in practical, critical and contextual forms. You will gain experience of evaluating and responding to other artists' work; of using your own creativity and independent thought to express yourself visually; of taking risks, experimenting and of reflecting on your own work, identifying strengths and weaknesses and adapting and refining work to produce a final outcome.

How will you learn?

AS: First year only

- Whether completing an AS or A Level you will start by completing a portfolio of coursework. This will be worth 50% of an AS Level (Component 1).
- If you decide to take the AS and not the full A Level you will complete an externally set assignment (Component 2) worth the other 50% of your AS-Level.

Note: The AS is a one year course of study only.

A Level

The A-Level starts after completing the first portfolio of coursework in the first year and continues into a second year:

- Component 1 – Personal Investigation. You will complete a portfolio of work based on a subject that interests you. This is worth 50% of your full A-Level
- Component 2 - Completion of an externally set assignment worth 50% of your full A-Level

Where will it take you?

Many students go on to take higher education in Art & Design, through Foundation Courses at Arts Universities that lead on to full 3 year degree courses. You may then decide to join the world of advertising as illustrators, designers, typographers, or become painters, sculptors, textile designers, fashion designers, and photographers along with many more options.

Who should you talk to? Please speak to Miss Lamonde or email lynne.lamonde@thebourneacademy.com

What will you need to study this course?

You will need to have five or more A*- C grades at GCSE and you will need to have achieved a B grade or above at GCSE Art. You will also need a genuine interest and excitement for the subject and a willingness to commit significant independent time and effort in to producing your artwork.