

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?

There are two set components to the A Level. After an initial period learning key skills and concepts you will start the first Personal Investigation Component in Year 12. This will run into and complete in the Autumn term of Year 13. Component 2, the externally set exam, will start in the Spring term of Year 13 and complete in the Summer term:

- Component 1 – Personal Investigation. You will complete a portfolio of work based on a subject that interests you. This is worth 60% of your A-Level grade
- Component 2 - Completion of an externally set assignment worth 40% of your 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 three 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 lynn.lamonde@thebourneacademy.com

What will you need to study this course?

Five or more 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and Maths. A grade 5 or higher in 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.