Art Craft & Design

THE BOURNE ACADEMY SIXTH FORM

A Level (AQA)

A Level Art, Craft and Design is an exciting, creative, inspiring, demanding and fun! It is a practical hands on course, providing oportunties to take risks, experiment and explore different materials. Your creativity can open the door to many exciting career opportunities.

Entry Requirements

- **Minimum Standard:** Five or more grades at 4+ in GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths.
- **Additional Criteria:** Minimum standard with a 5+ in Art or a portfolio of work that evidences the standard required.

What will you learn?

You will experiment with, and investigate a range of media, techniques and processes, from charcoal drawing to Photo-shop, from screen printing to sculpture - you just can't have enough ideas when it comes to expressing yourself! The emphasis will be on 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; taking risks, experimenting and on reflecting upon your own work, identifying strengths and areas for improvement, whilst adapting and refining work to produce final outcomes.

How will you learn?

There are two set components to the A Level course. You will begin with an initial period developing key skills and concepts, experimenting with different materials, techniques and processes to build your confidence and creative approach. In Year 12, you will begin Component 1: Personal Investigation, developing your own ideas and creating a personal body of work. This will continue into Year 13 and be completed during the Autumn term. In the Spring term of Year 13, you will begin Component 2: the Externally Set Assignment, where you will respond independently and creatively to a set theme, completing the component in the Summer term.

How will you be assessed?

60% Component 1 - Personal Investigation. You will complete a portfolio of work based on a topic of your choice. This is worth 60% of your A-Level grade.

40% Component 2 - Completion of the externally set assignment is worth 40% of your A-Level grade.

Where will it take you?

Many students go on to 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 amongst many more career paths. There are a wealth of careers in creative industires.

Who should you talk to?

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