



A Level Art, Craft and Design

What will the course involve?

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of two-dimensional and/or three-dimensional media, processes and techniques. You will develop skills in both traditional and new media, our department boasts screen printing facilities, Mac suite, kiln room and dark room alongside traditional art working practices.

You will explore the use of drawing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and media on a variety of scales. Ideas, imagination and creative solutions are encouraged as you develop personal sketchbooks/workbooks/journals to underpin your practical work.

You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design, from the past and from recent times, researching context worldwide. This plays an integral role in the investigating and making processes you will undertake. Your responses to these examples will be shown through practical and critical activities that showcase your skill and understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1; 60% of total mark: You will develop work based on an idea, issue, concept or theme leading to a finished outcome or a series of related finished outcomes. Practical elements should make connections with some aspect of contemporary or past practice of artist(s), designer(s), photographers or craftspeople and include written work of approx. 3000 words which supports the practical work.

Component 2; 40% of total mark: You will respond to a stimulus, provided by AQA, to produce work which provides evidence of your ability to work independently within specified time constraints, developing a personal and meaningful response which addresses all the assessment objectives and leads to a finished outcome or a series of related finished outcomes.

What skills will I develop?

You will develop practical skills in drawing, painting, print making, 3D exploration, photography (traditional and digital), textiles and graphics. A focus is placed on experimentation, creativity, image analysis and art history which helps provide a greater appreciation of the visual world we live in today. Your art study will also help you develop highly valuable transferable skills such as problem solving, contextual interpretation, visual communication, alongside organisational, presentation, and team-working skills.

Where can the study of art lead?

The course is designed to foster and encourage individual creativity and inspiration as well as enabling you to research and analyse as you seek to interpret and change the world around you. All of these are fantastic life skills and would be essential in many career pathways.

Art plays an important role in the following careers: Animator, Art therapist, Curator, Architect, Carpenter, Costume designer, Florist, Illustrator, Animator, Furniture Designer, Interior Designer, Graphic Designer, Fashion and Textiles, Photographer, Digital and Print Media Community arts worker, Fine artist, Higher education lecturer, Printmaker and Exhibition designer.

A Level Art and Design is strongly recommended if you wish to study at foundation or degree level, in any of art specialisms.

Where can I get more information?

For further information about studying Art at Archbishop Blanch Sixth Form contact: Mrs Rimmer on 0151 233 7373.