

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

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, 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; of 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. 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 topic that interests you. This is worth 60% of your A-Level grade
- 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.

Who should you talk to?

Please speak to Mr MacAulay or email: david.macaulay@thebourneacademy.com

Or speak with Miss Rockett or email: emma.rockett@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 passion for the subject as well as a willingness to commit significant independent time and effort in to producing your artwork.