



## A-Level Art (OCR)

### Staff delivering:

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### Topics/Units studied:

- **Externally Set Task (100%)**
  - This unit is much like the GCSE exam with you choosing a theme from the exciting list of options provided by the exam board.
  - Autumn term - preparatory work leading to the release of the themes.
  - Spring term - after choosing a theme you then explore and develop ideas, putting it all together in your sketchbook or portfolio.
  - 10 hour controlled practical held over 2 days when you will likely create your final piece.
  
- **Practical Portfolio (60%)**
  - This unit is basically a coursework project which you can choose your own theme for.
  - Autumn term - recording ideas and observations, exploring materials and experimentation, developing your ideas and designs.
  - Your project and final piece will need to be finished for Feb Y13.
  
- **Externally Set Task**
  - This unit is like the GCSE with you choosing a theme from the ones released by the exam board Feb Y13.
  - Spring term - after choosing a theme you then explore and develop ideas, putting it all together in your sketchbook or portfolio.
  - 15 hour controlled practical held over 3 days when you will likely create your final piece.

### **Key dates & deadlines:**

- Year 1 September – Begin Practical Portfolio Project
- Year 2 February - release of the Externally Set Task themes.
- Year 2 May - 15-hour practical exam and coursework deadline.

### **Career Pathways:**

- The number of jobs in the UK creative industries has topped 2 million after the sector has expanded faster than the rest of the economy in previous years.
- The arts and culture industry has grown by 10% in the last year alone.
- Creativity is the number one characteristic craved by employers.
- Creative skills contribute to all careers but most directly in careers including artist, architect, illustration, photographer, web and app designer, fashion designer, teaching, marketing, advertising, graphic design and film and media.

### **Success**

Art has well over 15 years of consistent excellent results at all levels and especially A-level. Our Art department is highly respected and has had many successful collaborations with local and national businesses and organisations. We played a major part in the City of Culture year and continue to be a real creative force in the region.

### **Alumni**

Many of our students enter into Higher Education or employment with superior portfolios which often given them an edge on their contemporaries in other colleges. Previous students have gone on to study at top universities such as Goldsmiths and gone on to get exciting jobs in the creative industries.

### **Progression**

An Art A-Level opens doors to a wide range of creative jobs within a constantly growing sector locally and nationally. Students use the A-level as a perfect stepping stone for accessing a range of creative courses at University including Architecture, Fine Art, Fashion Design, Photography, Web and app design, Film and media...to name a few.

### **Trips**

- We run annual trips to London, Liverpool, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Clothes Show to name a few.

