

ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY

Two A Levels are available: Art, Craft and Design - AQA and or Photography - Eduqas

Are you creative and imaginative? Do you enjoy exploring ideas and looking at things in different ways? If so, you should consider a course in Art & Design or Photography or both. Each of these creative subjects are about looking, learning, thinking and communicating. You will enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills and responding to artist ideas and issues in ways that are personal to you.

Both Art and Design & Photography are a two year linear courses. You will start your Personal Investigation at the start of Year 12. The first year includes a number of workshops so you can identify areas of interest, build on skills previously learnt, experiment with different media, ideas and methods which will develop through in the final term into the second year of your personal study.

In Art, students follow their chosen theme through a series of taught workshops, introducing five main subject groups: Drawing and Painting using a variety of materials, Photography and digital imagery, Printmaking, Printed and constructed textiles, Relief and 3D design.

The Photography students are also taught through workshops, which include: Camera techniques, Skills and compositions and photo shoots, Animation, Digital and darkroom photography, Learning and using Adobe Creative Cloud.

Work from these areas may overlap. All the workshops are carefully taught, but students are then expected to develop personal responses to the theme using the techniques learnt in each area. At the end of each workshop a final piece is usually produced. During the course of the year all the Exam Board assessment objectives are met and the whole year's work is presented the following January, mounted or in work-books or digital portfolios in the case of Photography, for assessment as part of the 60% coursework unit.

The second year in both options is about creating a substantial final piece, along with producing a 3,000-word essay that closely links and informs their coursework. The final deadline for all coursework is the 31st January 2023. This deadline cannot be extended. From the 1st February 2023 students are issued with an exam paper and produce a new project which ends with a three-day examination (15 hours), producing a major work in response to the question paper. This Exam project is worth 40%.

Art and Design & Photography A Level build on the skills, knowledge and understanding developed through study at GCSE. At the end of the A Level course you will have the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for Higher Education or an apprenticeship. Art and Design & Photography are great

Art, Craft and Design Exam Board: AQA
Photography Exam Board: Eduqas

Assessment: 60% Coursework
40% Exam Project



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companions to all other subjects as creativity, imagination, independent research and problem-solving skills are very useful life skills and can give you extended knowledge which compliment your other subjects.

In general, Art and Design & Photography students in the Sixth Form are well-motivated and prepared for hard work, with deadlines to meet; independent thinkers who enjoy developing ideas and seeing those through; coming from at least a Grade 6 in Art and Design or Photography at GCSE level (although we will accept students for Photography that have not completed GCSE but this is decided on a case by case basis); expected to spend two private study periods a week in the Art rooms and expected to make a major contribution to Art/Photography exhibitions and displays.

Further Study and Career Opportunities for Art and Design

Possible Degree Options

Design: Fashion; Shoe; Interior; Graphic; Jewellery; Product; Textile; Theatre; Three-dimensional; Web; Car.

Art/Photography: Architecture; Art conservation; Art History; Art Therapy; Photography; Film/Video Production; Fine Art, Illustration.

Possible Career Options

Art Director/Animator; Furniture designer; Architect/Design engineer; Graphic designer; Art therapist; Illustrator; Art restoration; Interior designer; Cartoonist; Jeweler; Computer game designer; Museum/gallery conservator; Community arts worker; Medical illustrator; Exhibition designer/Events/Marketing director; Product designer/Car designer; Fashion designer/buyer; Teacher; Film/video maker/stylist/Props; Theatre

designer; Fine Artist; Marketing & Advertising.

Further Study and Career Opportunities for Photography

Possible Degree Options

Animation; Film and visual culture; Commercial photography; Forensic photography; Creative and editorial photography; Medical photography; Digital media; Visual communication; Fashion photography; Film and television; Multi-media; Picture editor.

Possible Career Options

Studying a photography related degree at university will give you all sorts of exciting career opportunities, including:

Commercial photographer; Photographic illustrator; Fashion photographer; Photographic technician; Filmmaker; Teacher; Forensic photographer; Picture editor; Industrial photographer; Social photographer; Medical photographer; Sports photographer; Nature photographer; Animator.