

Visual Arts and Design

AQA A Level Fine Art (Specification 7201)

What will I learn on this course?

This is a Fine Art course – you will experience a range of fine art techniques and processes such as drawing, painting and printmaking. You will continue with your study of visual meaning and how ideas, materials and techniques interact with each other and within wider social environments. Understanding how visual images are constructed and operate is a crucial skill in today's predominantly visual culture and this course will enable you to explore these ideas while supplementing your study from your chosen pathway.

How is the course structured?

In the first year you will be introduced to a range of fine art techniques, materials and processes through a variety of small projects in order to develop the skills required to successfully meet the requirements of year 2. These projects will enable you to develop skills of analysis when responding to the art work of others, to improve your observational and imaginative capabilities and to build a portfolio of work that provides the basis of your second year of study. In the second year Component 1 'Personal Investigation' enables you to develop an in-depth project of your choice, guided by your teachers. A component of this project is a written text of up to three thousand words that contextualises your practical work through artist research. Component 2 'Externally Set Assignment' enables you to bring together all your skills and ideas by responding to one of a number of given briefs in a way that showcases your individual skills, aptitudes and interests.

How will I study?

In our purpose-built state-of-the-art facilities we are able to offer a first-rate environment for the study of visual arts and design. We have facilities for textiles, ceramics and three-dimensional design, fine art studios and a Mac suite with the latest art and design software such as Photoshop, Illustrator and Premiere Pro. Added to this excellent setting is a superb set of departmental tutors making what we believe is a unique environment for the preparation of tomorrow's artists, designers and visual communicators. Studying at BOA will enable you to develop your skills and ideas whilst benefitting from working in a dedicated arts environment. You will undertake skills workshops, presentations and will also have an opportunity to work in 'open studio' times when you can use your studio space for individual experimentation and development of personal ideas and techniques.



How will you be assessed?

Each unit is assessed by your teacher using the examination board assessment criteria. At the end of the year you will present your work in an exhibition that external moderator will visit.

