

AS and A level Art and Design

**Art and Design is the right subject
for you if you enjoy:**

- thinking independently and developing, refining and communicating your ideas
- analysing your own work and the work of others to inform your ideas
- experimenting and taking risks in order to solve problems
- producing personal creative outcomes.

*'Art is not what you
see, but what you
make others see.'*

Edgar Degas



Is this the right subject for me?

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

It doesn't matter if you haven't studied Art and Design before. You may have an interest in and want to know more about the visual arts. You may want an opportunity to develop and express your own ideas. You may want to pursue a career in the art, craft or design industries. Either way, this course will give you the skills to enjoy, engage with and produce visual arts throughout your life.

What does the course involve?

Throughout this course, you will:

- develop, review and refine ideas
- analyse contextual and other sources to inform your investigations
- explore and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes
- record your ideas, observations and insights
- present personal and meaningful responses.

A level Art and Design is a broad and flexible course.

Ask your Head of Art and Design for more details of the titles available in your school or college.

How will I be assessed at A level?

Personal Investigation

This component is worth 60% of your A level. It requires you to produce a portfolio of practical and written work based on personal starting points.

Externally Set Assignment (ESA)

This component is worth 40% of your A level. It requires you to produce preparatory studies and personal outcome(s) based on a theme set by Edexcel. The theme will be released to you in February of your final year. You'll have 15 hours to produce your personal outcome or outcomes.

What can I do after I've completed the course?

Through this course you'll develop transferable skills, such as problem solving, communication and critical thinking skills, which will prepare you for further study or the world of work, regardless of the subject or career you wish to pursue.

If you want to pursue a career in the creative industries, your next step is likely to be a Foundation Degree course followed by an undergraduate degree in fields as varied as Product Design, Fine Art, Fashion Design or History of Art.

Next steps

If you're interested in studying AS or A level Art and Design, start finding out more about the subject by:

- Visiting the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com/2015artanddesign) – there's a lot of useful information about what you'll be studying and how you'll be assessed
- Talking to the Head of Art and Design at your school or college – they'll be able to describe the course in detail and advise you on what you need to do next
- Finding out what is happening in the world of art by visiting galleries, museums, exhibitions and art shows, or by visiting gallery websites and the art pages on newspaper websites.

