

GCSE Art and Design



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

AIM: This course will encourage students to: actively engage in the creative process of art, craft and design in order to develop as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds. Pupils will benefit from a wide range of experiences and learn to be confident within their application of skills and creative ideas.

GCSE Art and Design provides pupils with the skills to be able to progress to studying Art or other creative subjects at A-Level or level 3 BTEC courses and then progress to a career in the Art and Design industries. The Art and Design industry is the fastest growing in the country and pupils could pursue careers such as Fashion Design, Interior Design, Game Design, Animation, Photography, Graphic design, Product Design and many more.

Employers value the transferable skills you acquire, including:

- The ability to develop individual ideas and collaborate with others.
- Strong observational, research and analytical skills.
- Creative problem solving.
- The ability to learn from criticism and be objective about your work.
- An openness to new influences and concepts.

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 subjects or career you wish to pursue. If you wish to study Art and Design beyond GCSE, you could do a Level 3 course, such as AS or A level Art and Design or BTEC Nationals in Art and Design.

What will you learn?

Students must explore and create work associated with areas of study from **at least two** titles listed below.

- **Fine art:** for example drawing, painting, sculpture, installation, lens-/light-based media, photography and the moving image, printmaking, mixed media and land art.

- **Graphic communication:** for example, communication graphics, design for print, advertising and branding, illustration, package design, typography, interactive design, (including web, app and game), multi-media, motion graphics, signage and exhibition graphics.
- **Textile design:** for example, art textiles, fashion design and illustration, costume design, constructed textiles, printed and dyed textiles, surface pattern, stitched and/or embellished textiles, soft furnishings and/or textiles for interiors, digital textiles and installed textiles.
- **Three-dimensional design:** for example, architectural design, sculpture, ceramics, product design, jewellery and body adornment, interior design, environmental/landscape/garden design, exhibition design, three-dimensional digital design and designs for theatre, film and television.
- **Photography:** for example, portraiture, location photography, studio photography, experimental imagery, installation, documentary photography, photo-journalism, moving image: film, video and animation, fashion photography.

Component 1: must show evidence of working in areas of study drawn from **two or more** of the titles considering the distinguishing characteristics of art, craft and design.

Component 2: must show evidence of areas of study drawn from **one or more** of the titles.

What homework can you expect?

Pupils can expect weekly homework in this subject which is why it is desirable that pupils have a strong interest in Art and Design. Pupils will be expected to build on their classwork at home which will contribute towards their final grade. Pupils must demonstrate good time management skills and an ability to meet deadlines.

What skills will you need to be successful in this subject?

It's really important that you have a passion for the subject and a desire to know more about historical and contemporary art, and how to use art materials and processes to develop and express your own ideas. This course will give you the skills to enjoy, engage with and produce visual arts throughout your life.

Additional Information

All materials will be provided for use in lessons but it is useful for pupils to have access to basic art equipment and materials at home to enable them to complete coursework. **For further information please see Mrs Alker, or your Art teacher.**