



WESTONBIRT
— SCHOOL —

FINE ART A-LEVEL

Exam Board - AQA

What can I expect from this subject?

The fine art course at A-Level provides students with the opportunity to learn and develop a range of skills in relation to drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media. Students' studio-based practice is contextualised with educational visits to exhibitions of historical and contemporary art. Visiting artists and tutors will expand student experience and skills.

The course aims to develop strong independent points of view and a mature grasp of the range of critical debate surrounding contemporary art and its many international histories. The course will help equip students to become motivated and resourceful learners with a good sense of how to organise their time. The fine art programme provides students with the opportunity to express themselves imaginatively and creatively using a range of media. It is a demanding course but very enjoyable and rewarding.

The course consists of one coursework project 60% and one exam project 40%

What can I do to prepare for this course?

- Visit galleries and see as much artwork in the flesh as possible.
- Read books about art and artists and articles discussing current themes in art or current artists work.
- Follow art galleries on social media e.g. Tate, National Gallery etc.
- Practice your skills: draw/paint/sculpt as much as possible

What will my next steps be?

In our increasingly visual world, strong skills in visual literacy and communication are highly prized in a wide range of fields. In addition, seemingly unrelated areas of study have valued the many transferable skills you will learn, for example it has often benefitted those as far removed as future medical students.

For those interested in a creative career having this qualification enables students to progress to a more specialist area within Art and Design such as Animation, Advertising, Architecture, Fashion Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Illustration, Special Effects for Film and TV, Photography, 3D Design, Sculpture, Textiles and many more.

FAQs for Fine Art:

Grades at GCSE - what will I need? You will need a grade 5 or higher in GCSE Art and Design.

What skills are necessary for this A level? A good eye for detail, good visual communication skills, a creative and curious mind, a willingness to experiment and a strong interest in the subject.