



# Art and Design

Specialism – Fine Art

## What will you study?

This OCR qualification requires a high level of commitment. During the first section of the course emphasis is placed on visual awareness and an understanding of how artists work. A wide range of materials and an experimental approach is used and encouraged.

Candidates produce a portfolio of work from starting points, topics and themes determined by the Art department. The focus is on including work that shows exploration, research, acquisition of techniques and skills. The portfolio consists of finished pieces and a sketchbook of designs ideas and drawings.

Emphasis is placed on personal development through individual study.

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## How will you be assessed during the course?

Unit 1 Personal Investigation:

Candidates submit one major project from starting points, topics and themes determined by the Art department. A portfolio of paintings prints and other outcomes is created and the candidates select and present from this. The investigation includes a Related Study that must involve a written element which is expected to be between 1000 – 3000 words. This is 60% of the overall mark.

Unit 2 Externally Set Task:

Candidates select one starting point from an early release question paper. Candidates are given a preparatory period in which to plan and produce preliminary studies. They are given fifteen hours of controlled time at the end of the course to realise their ideas into a final outcome. This is 40% of the overall mark. Please refer to OCRs documentation for further details about the course. Our chosen specialism is Fine Art (H601) which offers versatility. Please see [ocr.org.uk](http://ocr.org.uk) for the latest version of the specification.

Art is an essential A-level choice for a career in art, design, and architecture and can often be advantageous for a career in fashion and textile design. A level Art and the portfolio created whilst studying for this qualification is required for Foundation Art courses as well as Art and Design degree courses. An A level in Art will demonstrate you have acquired a wide variety of skills from practical work to problem solving and creative thinking skills and will therefore be a good basis for a path into many degree courses.