

# GCSE Fine Art

## What will I learn?

“When the spirit does not work with the hand, there is no art.” – **Leonardo da Vinci**

Our GCSE encompasses an overarching theme entitled real and/or unreal which incorporates three genres; portraiture, still life and landscape. Art equips students with the skills to enjoy, produce and engage with the visual arts throughout their lives. We aim to encourage students to problem solve and express their views through visual form.

Students will study famous artists and have access to museums and cultural experiences. Work must demonstrate integrated knowledge, understanding and skills. Work is not limited to one area of study and students could develop work in at least one of the following areas; drawing, painting, printing, mixed media or sculpture.

## What do I need to know before I can start the course?

You need have no specific prior knowledge before you start the course, although a passion for the arts and reasonable drawing skills would be preferable. You do need to consider your commitment to the subject and the fact that the course will require analysis and writing skills.

## What does the course involve?

Students are required to develop knowledge and understanding in four components when undertaking work in Fine Art. These components are, to develop and explore ideas, research primary and contextual sources, experiment with media, materials, techniques and processes, to present personal response(s) to theme(s) set by the centre.

## What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

There are over 150 careers which involve art and design. You could use your study of Fine Art to study A levels in further Fine Art, Photography, Ceramics, Digital Media and Advertising, Design or even Business and Marketing. Art is a creative subject which develops inquiring minds and can lead to careers in teaching, animation, special effects designer, medical/scientific illustrator, police artist, prop maker or set designer, silversmith to name but a few. If you would like to view more careers involving this versatile subject please see any of the Art teachers in the department. We have a careers booklet you can look at.

## Who can I talk to for more information?

Please see any of the Art teachers in Creative Arts.

## What websites can I check out?

[www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/art/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/art/)

[www.studentartguide.com](http://www.studentartguide.com)