

## Art Department KS4 and KS5 Course Information

### Key Stage 4

#### ***BTEC Certificate Art and Design***

This course is a 2 year course worth 2 GCSE's A- C grade.

Students must produce a total of 3 units,

- UNIT 1 – 2D & 3D Communication
- UNIT 2 – Contextual References in Art and Design
- UNIT 3 – Optional Unit. ( choices ranges from a textiles, graphics, 3D or Visual Arts based unit)

Each unit is equally weighted and students must gain a minimum of a pass in each unit to pass overall. Students are required to work towards a specific teacher led brief and produce a portfolio of evidence covering all the criteria outlined in the BTEC specification.

There is no final exam for this qualification and all coursework is assessed as part of the student's final grade.

Deadlines are set depending on the teacher delivering the unit, but students are given approximately a term and a half to work on each unit. All work is required for the final assessment in early May. Although there will be many interim deadlines set by the teacher throughout the course.

Students are given opportunities at every stage of their project to improve and refine their work in line with the department's formative assessment policy.

All work is teacher assessed.

#### ***BTEC Diploma Art and Design***

This course is a 2 year course worth 4 GCSE's A- C grade.

Students must produce a total of 6 units,

- UNIT 1 – 2D & 3D Communication

- UNIT 2 – Contextual References in Art and Design
- UNIT 3 – Final Major Project
- UNIT 4 – Final Major Project
- UNIT 5 – Optional unit ( choices ranges from a textiles, graphics, 3D or Visual Arts based unit)
- UNIT 6 – Optional Unit ( choices ranges from a textiles, graphics, 3D or Visual Arts based unit)

Each unit is equally weighted and students must gain a minimum of a pass in each unit to pass overall. Students are required to work towards a specific teacher led brief and produce a portfolio of evidence covering all the criteria outlined in the BTEC specification.

Students will be expected to produce a final major project (units 3 and 4) and complete a 10 hour practical exam.

Deadlines are set depending on the teacher delivering the unit. All work is required for the final assessment in early May. Although there will be many interim deadlines set by the teacher throughout the course. Projects will usually last approximately 10 weeks.

Students are given opportunities at every stage of their project to improve and refine their work in line with the department's formative assessment policy.

All work is teacher assessed.

### ***GCSE Graphic Design***

This is a 2 year qualification worth one GCSE grade A\* - G. It is an Art and Design qualification with graphic design based outcomes. Depending on their teacher, students will get the opportunity to cover a range of projects using a variety of materials and techniques, including ICT.

Approximately 3 projects will be completed over the course of the 2 years, and students are usually given 1 project per term.

Coursework is worth 60% of the overall grade

There is an externally set controlled test issued in February whereby students have 4 weeks to work on a question set by the exam board and have to complete a practical 10 hour exam.

The controlled test is worth 40% of the overall grade.

Students are given opportunities at every stage of their project to improve and refine their work in line with the department's formative assessment policy.

All work is teacher assessed and moderated by the exam board.

### ***GCSE Short Course***

This is a qualification worth half of the normal GCSE. It is completed over two years on one lesson a week. Students are expected to produce one coursework project which can vary year to year and one controlled test with 4 week prep and a 10 hour exam. Deadlines are dependent on staff but all students are given plenty time to improve and refine their work as a result of formative assessment.

Coursework is worth 60%

Controlled Test is worth 40%

All work is teacher assessed and moderated by the exam board.

### Key Stage 5

#### ***AS /A2 Photography***

This is an endorsed specialist area of Art and Design worth one A-level. It is an academic A-level with a theoretical starting point. Projects vary from portraiture, landscape or still life photography.

Project content can vary, and within each project students are encouraged to explore their own ideas and creative processes.

The specification is currently changing to allow for greater development so AS/ A2 qualifications that are running are slightly different in terms of course requirements.

The current year 13 cohort will be working to 2008 specification.

To complete their A2 level they must produce

Unit 4 – Identity (worth 15%) deadline Christmas

Unit 6 – Personal Study (worth 15%) deadline March

Unit 7 – Controlled Test 4 wk prep and 15 hour exam (worth 20%)

These percentages are based on their AS result Unit 1 (15%) Unit 2 (15%) Unit 3 (20%)

The new specification allows for greater flexibility and students will complete the following,

Unit 1 – Portraiture (50%) deadline February

Unit 2 – Controlled test (50%) deadline May

All work is teacher assessed and moderated by the exam board.

### ***AS /A2 Textiles***

This is an endorsed specialist area of Art and Design worth one A-level. It is an academic A- level with a creative and independent starting point. Projects vary from fashion design, interiors, and fabric design. All projects begin with a fine art approach. Project content can vary, and within each project students are encouraged to explore their own ideas and creative processes.

The specification is currently changing to allow for greater development so AS/ A2 qualifications that are running are slightly different in terms of course requirements.

The current year 13 cohort will be working to 2008 specification.

To complete their A2 level they must produce

Unit 4 – (worth 15%) deadline Christmas

Unit 6 – Personal Study (worth 15%) deadline March

Unit 7 – Controlled Test 4 wk prep and 15 hour exam (worth 20%)

These percentages are based on their AS result Unit 1 (15%) Unit 2 (15%) Unit 3 (20%)

The new specification allows for greater flexibility and students will complete the following,

Unit 1 – Natural Forms (50%) deadline February

Unit 2 – Controlled test (50%) deadline May

All work is teacher assessed and moderated by the exam board

### ***Applied Art and Design***

#### ***Single Award AS***

Single award Applied Art and Design is a vocational qualification worth one A Level. Each unit is equally weighted and deadlines are set depending on the teacher. All students are given interim deadlines to work towards and have plenty time to

improve and refine their work in line with the department formative assessment policy.

Unit 1 – 2D Visual Language (approx 6/7 weeks)

Unit 2 – 3D Visual Language ( approx 6/7 weeks)

Unit 3 – Exam (3 weeks prep) with a January Exam

### ***Double Award AS***

Double Award Applied Art and Design is a vocational qualification worth 2 A Levels. Students have 12 lessons a week to produce a portfolio of evidence. Timings and lengths of projects will vary depending on the teacher.

Each unit is equally weighted.

Unit 1 – 2D Visual Language

Unit 2 – 3D Visual Language

Unit 3 – Exam (3 weeks prep) with exam

Unit 4 – Historical and Contemporary

Unit 5 – Exam (3 weeks prep) with exam

Unit 6 – Optional Unit ( choice from a range of art and design disciplines)

### ***Single Award A2***

In addition to their 3 AS units students must complete the following 3 units,

Unit 7 – 2D Visual Language

Unit 8 – 3D Visual Language

Unit 9 – externally set assignment (self- identified brief)

### ***Double Award A2***

In addition to the 6 AS units students must complete the following 6 units,

Unit 7 – 2D Visual Language

Unit 8 – 3D Visual Language

Unit 9 – externally set assignment (self- identified brief)

Unit 10 – Cultural and Critical Studies

Unit 11 – Optional Unit (choice from a range of art and design disciplines)

Unit 12 – Optional Unit (choice from a range of art and design disciplines)

For any further advice on course deadlines or specifications please contact Miss Dixon or Miss Murray.