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GREENHEAD COLLEGE
ART DEPARTMENT



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Are you interested in Art and Design? Do you want the opportunity to develop your own ideas and abilities? Do you like to work in a relaxed, friendly, creative atmosphere?

The atmosphere in the studios is alive with a diversity of ideas and methods of work. Many students gravitate towards the Art rooms in their own time to continue their work in a supportive and very happy environment.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

The best foundation for success in AS and A-level Art is a good grade at GCSE. However, this isn't a requirement. If you have an aptitude for the subject, if you are creative, you may have the basic skills to succeed. However, AS/A-level Art is not an easy option and you should be prepared to work hard at developing your work. Above all, you should have an interest in creating and understanding art and the determination to develop that interest.

What will I learn on this course?

The skills you develop will be varied. Among them, you will develop a working knowledge of materials, practices and technology within art. You will develop the skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings using art, craft and design. You will develop your imaginative and creative powers and your experimental, analytical and documenting skills. You will also develop a specialist vocabulary and the knowledge and understanding of the place of art, craft and design in history and in contemporary society.

The Key Skill of communication is integral to the study of AS/A-level Art.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

- * Students who wish to undertake further studies in art and design, usually at art college or higher education level.
- * Students who are looking to take up careers for which an art background is relevant. Many of our students progress onto Art and Design related courses covering numerous disciplines including Fine Art, Architecture, Interior Design, Textiles, Fashion, Photography, Graphics, Illustration, 3D Design and Art History.

- * Students who have an interest in and aptitude for the subject, but who do not intend to take the subject beyond AS or A-level.

What exams will I have to take to get my qualification?

Advanced Subsidiary (AS)

You will follow the Edexcel unendorsed Art and Design syllabus. The AS course is the first half of the A-level course.

If you and your teacher agree that it's best for you, you can take the AS-level on its own. Or you can decide at the end of the AS course to continue to take the full A-level qualification.

The qualification consists of two areas of assessment:

- * Coursework
- * Externally set examination

Your submission will include a work journal for each of these units.

Advanced Level

The full A-level qualification is made up of the two AS units, plus two more units studied at a higher level:

- * Coursework
- * Externally set assignment

Like the AS, each unit includes a work journal.

All four units are internally marked and externally moderated.

More detailed information about the Art Department can be found on the college website: www.greenhead.ac.uk which also includes comments from past students about their experiences at Greenhead Art Department.