

Applied A Level Art and Design (Double Award)

2008-2009

Introduction

The Applied Art and Design course is a 2-year vocational double A-Level and if you are committed to a career in Art or Design this course is for you.

The course allows you to experience working across a variety of disciplines available within the Art and Design industries. You will develop your general and specialist practical Art and Design skills, exploring a wide range of materials, techniques and technologies. In the second part of the first year you will select a pathway that you wish to pursue as a career. However the course is flexible to your needs and some students do decide to explore more than one area in more detail.

You will draw upon knowledge of relevant industries gained from visits to Art and Design studios, galleries as well as visits by professional Artists, Designers and Craftspeople. You will also be invited to take part in residential, and day field trips to cities. These visits will be linked to your development in Art and Design and will be invaluable cultural experiences, as well as resource gathering opportunities for your own practical work.

It is recommended that this course is taken with one of the following, Fine Art, Textiles or Graphics.

General Information

Entry Requirements:

You should be well motivated and enthusiastic about a career in Art and Design. The minimum requirement is 5 or more GCSEs (A-C) one of which should be in Art or Graphic Design or BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design at Merit Level or above.

Structure of the Course & Method of Assessment:

The course is a vocationally based general Art & Design course covering a range of Art & Design disciplines over two years. The first year will consist of 6 units (AS) followed by a further 6 in the second year (A2). The course is mainly practically based, however you will research and produce written analysis of the works of other professional Artists, Designers and Craftspeople. You will draw upon the knowledge gained to aid your own personal Art and Design development.

You will complete assignments, which involve both 2D and 3D work. Two-dimensional projects may include drawing, painting, graphic design animation, illustration, photography, fashion and textile design and video work. Three-dimensional projects may include design and making in ceramics, sculpture, 3D product design (furniture). You will be asked to research, develop your ideas and then produce creative and individual work for each assignment.

You will investigate the practice of working professionals as well as a range of art and design industries in order to allow you to make the right career choice. We will help you to become increasingly independent of your teachers as you become more self-reliant and gain the skills to visualise and develop your ideas. We will enable you to pursue your own personal solutions to the assignment briefs.

Towards the latter part of your first year you will focus on your chosen Art and Design pathway of Degree or HND courses. The key skills of IT and communication are also studied. These provide some of the back up skills, which enable you to be more attractive to a potential employer.

Assessment is by portfolio of artwork produced for each project, together with a Summative and Centre Devised professionally set Project. There is no timed examination.

Future Opportunities

We have good links with universities and students usually progress on to HND or Degree courses at university. Former students have been placed on a number of differing courses including Animation, Textiles, Fine Art, Graphic Design and Illustration. Alternatively some students use this qualification as entry to employment in one of the Art and Design Industries