

Art

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The Department offers an art course that allows students to explore a number of different media in their work. The course is designed to encourage an adventurous and enquiring approach to art and design by providing the opportunity to work in media such as painting, printmaking, textiles, 3D and ceramics. Successful students should demonstrate an understanding of past and contemporary art and design practice, and be able to produce artwork that embraces a range of ideas.

The course structure covers three projects over two years – two are internally set assignments based on the themes of Landscape, Identity and Structures and one is a final externally set exam assignment of approximately 12 weeks' duration. Every assignment is teacher-led initially but the exam board also requires students to have demonstrated their own creativity, independence of thinking and self-motivation by the end of the course.

This means that students opting for this course must be able to demonstrate self-discipline and self-motivation in their approach to class work and homework, as artwork can be time consuming. It is not possible to get the top grades in this subject without putting in the required hours – at least 1-2 hours homework per week.

N.B Art is certainly not an “easy” option.

Trips and visits: Students are expected to visit galleries and exhibitions as part of the course and will attend organised trips to The National Portrait Gallery and National Gallery in London as well as participating in extra- curricular activities and clubs.