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ART

Course Summary

COURSE OVERVIEW

Fine Art encourages personal expression, creative risk-taking, and technical refinement. Students explore ideas through drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media, supported by contextual research and critical analysis. The course culminates in a personal investigation and externally set assignment, fostering independence, originality, and a strong visual portfolio.

WHY SHOULD I STUDY ART?

Studying Art and Photography nurtures creativity, self-expression, and critical thinking. It builds visual literacy, confidence, and resilience through experimentation and reflection. Students learn to communicate ideas, explore identity, and engage with culture and emotion. The course fosters transferable skills valuable in creative industries, education, and beyond.

WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

Fine art, photography, design, architecture, fashion, film, and visual culture. It develops creative thinking, research skills, and a strong portfolio.

WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

Art and Photography leads to careers in the creative industries, including roles in visual arts, design, fashion, media, and architecture. It also supports pathways in education, curation, advertising, and therapeutic arts.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

EXAM BOARD: AQA

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Component 1 - Coursework showing technical skills and a Personal Investigation with a personal study of 1000-3000 words.	n/a	60%
2	Externally Set Assignment - includes preparatory work and a 15-hour supervised practical exam	15 hours	40%