



A-Level Art and Design - Fine Art

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Criteria: Grade 5 in English and Art.

Overview

This Fine Art course is crafted to enhance students' skills, creativity, imagination, and independence. Students explore personal experience, apply taught skills, and build critical understanding through various artistic responses to stimuli.



Assessment Structure:

Component 1: Personal Investigation

- ▶ **Elements:**
 - ▶ **Portfolio of Practical Work:** Develops personal responses to a chosen starting point, brief, or stimulus.
 - ▶ **Related Study:** A minimum 1000-word extended response that complements the practical portfolio.
- ▶ **Weight:** 60% of total A-Level.

Component 2: Externally Set Task

- ▶ **Description:** Released in February, the paper provides a range of themes with written and visual prompts. Students choose one theme for their response.
- ▶ **Weight:** 40% of total A-Level.



Super-curricular resources

- ▶ About the Student Art Guide: (<https://www.studentartguide.com/about>)
- ▶ The Guardian - Art and design, photography and architecture: (<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign>)
- ▶ BBC Arts - Public view: Art UK shares our greatest paintings online: (www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/43LQrmV63YHW9KMRszGyPw9/public-view-art-uk-shares-our-greatest-paintings-online)
- ▶ The Museum of Modern Art - Art terms: (www.moma.org/collection/terms)
- ▶ Tate: (www.tate.org.uk)
- ▶ Tate - Coursework Guides: (www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource/exam-help)
- ▶ Tate - Student Resources: (www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource)
- ▶ ArtRabbit is a platform for international contemporary art exhibitions and events: (www.artrabbit.com)
- ▶ ARTPEDAGOGY - Preparing for the Personal Study: (www.artpedagogy.com/preparing-for-the-personal-study.html)



Reading and Resources

1. **Reading List:** OCR website for syllabus and guidance.
2. **Research Requirement:** Students conduct ongoing artist research aligned with their chosen theme or topic.



Complementary Subjects

Ideal pairings include:

- ▶ Textiles
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Art, Craft, and Design
- ▶ Critical and Contextual Studies
- ▶ Three-Dimensional Design
- ▶ Graphic Communication



Career Pathways

A Fine Art A-Level opens doors in the creative industry, including:

- ▶ **Illustration**
- ▶ **Design Consulting**
- ▶ **Cultural Heritage**
- ▶ **Fashion**
- ▶ **Animation**
- ▶ **Photography**
- ▶ **Teaching**
- ▶ **Art Therapy**