

# Art & Design

## ***The Course***

Art & Design is an exciting and challenging course which will help you to develop your creativity, technical skills and knowledge of the creative industries. Art & Design is taught as a BTEC National Extended Certificate and is equivalent to one A Level qualification, this can be studied alongside your other BTEC or A Level choices.

You will have the opportunity to study four units over the two year course with a combination of internal and external assessments. You will be introduced to new media and techniques through workshops at the beginning of the course before selecting a creative pathway from the stimulus provided.

## ***Tasks***

Before you start your Art lessons you will need to start building up a bank of examples of your own personal art work. These can be a response to any theme of your choosing. Suggested techniques could include drawing, photography, painting, collage, textiles, sculpture or any other alternative methods that you may choose.

We would like you to complete at least five pieces and you can present your art work in any chosen format; this could be through a portfolio, sketchbook, handmade sketchbook or loose pieces of work on paper, canvas, wood etc.

One of your pieces of work should be a direct response to an artist of your choosing, this could be a direct study or an interpretation of an artwork. Consider whether you want to work in a similar media to your chosen artist or re-invent their work with a completely different material.

You will be asked to present this work to your new art class after enrolling onto the course in September.

## ***Useful websites and Pre-Course Research***

[www.pinterest.co.uk](http://www.pinterest.co.uk)

If you don't already have a Pinterest account set up then do so over the summer break. This is a great resource for collecting inspiration for future projects.

<https://discovercreative.careers/#/>

Use the link above to research different areas of the creative industries that you may want to pursue as a potential pathway after completing your Art qualification.

<https://www.tate.org.uk>

Research the work of key artists via the Tate website. Alternatively follow the following accounts on social media – Saatchi gallery, National Portrait Gallery, Royal Academy London, Victoria and Albert Museum, National Museum of Wales.