

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Art Design

The Art Department is pleased to be able to offer the Diploma, which has an equivalence of 4 GCSE's, to a limited number of students who will have already carefully considered and decided that they wish to pursue a career in Art and Design.

The course occupies 10 hours of the 2 weekly timetable compared to the 5 hours of the OCR, GCSE award.

It differs from the GCSE Art and Design qualification in so much as it offers students opportunities to combine the research, development and making of Art with knowledge and experience of the function and production of Art and Design in the world of work. This additional expertise requires students to be committed to learning and understanding the constraints of producing Art and Design work for other people.

As well as learning about making Art, students will develop the skills required to discuss and present their work to people outside school.

Essential equipment required

The course is run across 2 years and consists of 100% coursework covered by 8 units, 6 mandatory units which concentrate on the traditional skills of observational drawing, painting, sculpture, print making and ceramics.

2 optional units which allow students to focus their attention on specific, negotiated areas of study, 1 of which should be attached to a project related to the Art Industry out of school.

Each of the total 8 units is assessed separately, and receives credits dependent on the evidence required and the quality of the work produced. Credits are converted into Pass, Merit or Distinction Grades. Assessment criteria vary for each unit.

The mandatory units are

1. Contextual References in Art and Design
2. 2D Visual Communication
3. 3D Visual Communication
4. Using ideas to Explore, Develop and Produce Art and Design
5. Building an Art and Design Portfolio
6. Working in the Art and Design Industry

These are worth a maximum of 40 credits.

How Parents can help at home

Parents can help by making themselves aware of each assignment that is being working on. A lot of homework is research and preparation for the next lesson.

There maybe some parents who have useful contacts with the manufacturing or Art and Design industry. All contacts to the world outside of school are welcome.