

A-Level Art & Design



Opportunities

Students studying Art & Design are taught by subject specialists. Learning is enhanced by gallery and museum trips in Liverpool and London.

We have introduced 'Artist in Residence' workshop sessions, giving students the opportunity to work alongside professional, working artists.

Links with, and visits to, local universities help to raise aspiration and help to give students the tools to be successful at A-Level.

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- ***I LOVE ART – BUT CAN IT BE A CAREER?***
 - **Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?**

Studying art and design at school opens the door to a range of careers in the creative industries.

The creative industries, which include art, design and music, are an important part of the British economy – one of the areas of the economy that is still growing.

Studying Art at A-Level include teaching functional and useful skills that prepare students for future careers in the arts. Art departments also forge links with arts organisations and creative practitioners, companies and agencies.

We can organise visits and workshops which provide inspiring opportunities to for students to see what it's like to 'do' a particular job and hear how artists and designers got where they are. Art may not be your favourite subject, but studying the arts alongside other subjects significantly boosts student achievement.

The leading people in any field are those who can think creatively and innovatively. These are skills that employers value alongside qualifications. Making and participating in the arts aids the development of these skills.



When you study art you learn to work both independently and collaboratively, you also gain experience in time management – skillsets valued by employers

Studying the arts teaches determination and resilience – qualities useful to any career.

'Art has taught me that if I work on it and put the effort in, I will get there eventually. It is determination and commitment. It has definitely helped build my confidence and my mindset.'

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What will I study?

Component 1 - Personal Investigation

Portfolio of Practical Work and Personal Study/essay (1000 -3000 words of continuous prose) - **60% of total A-Level**

Students will work within the following disciplines:

Art

Craft and Design Fine Art

Fine Art

Textile Design

Three-dimensional Design

Component 2 - Externally set assignment

Portfolio of preparation work/ 15 hours of sustained focus under examination conditions - **40% of total A-Level**

Students will develop and generate ideas, research sources, record practical and written observations and experiment with media, producing outcomes in response to an externally set theme.

Can I take this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Students would need to demonstrate an aptitude and passion for the subject.

What can the course lead on to?

Many creative/arts related employers want to recruit people who are lateral thinkers and creative problem-solvers - natural qualities of artists and designers. Jobs directly related to your degree include:

Art therapist, Community arts worker, Fashion designer, Fine artist, Graphic designer,

Illustrator, Printmaker, Textile designer, Interior designer, Art director.

Photography. Film & TV production, theatre set design, Film set design, Costume designer, Make-up artist, Props developer

Jobs where your degree would be useful include: Advertising account executive, Arts administrator, Multimedia specialist, Museum/gallery curator.



