

BTEC ART AND DESIGN

Examination Board: Edexcel Pearson

Qualification/s awarded: BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Art and Design Practice

Brief details of the course:

During the course students will explore a range of themes.

For each topic students will be introduced to the purpose of art and design work and to the practices of artists and designers, to help inform and support ideas generation. Students are also introduced to practical techniques to generate ideas by:

- Conducting primary and secondary research
- Experimenting with art and design practice
- Understanding the purpose and function of art and design work
- Exploring formal elements such as colour, line, tone, texture and form
- Developing practical skills through the exploration of materials, techniques and processes
- Ongoing review and practice of specialist skills
- Using a range of recording methods to document processes and outcomes
- Communicating skills development

At the end of the course students will work on a controlled test and produce a large-scale piece of work with the materials, processes, techniques and ideas of their choice.

Pupil grouping:

Mixed ability

Assessment:

- Component 1 (generating ideas in Art and Design and 2 (Develop skills in art and Design) are worth 30% each of the total grade – a total of **60% of the final grade**.
- The external component or controlled test (Responding to a Clients Brief) **this is worth 40% of the final grade**.

Award: 1-9

Benefits of the course:

This course would suit pupils who enjoy being creative with materials, techniques, processes and ideas. Students will need to be self-motivated and independent. Skill in drawing is important as this underpins all art activities, and there is also a strong emphasis on discovering new specialisms through experimentation and the development of materials, processes and techniques.

This course would provide excellent preparation for a career or further study in creative subjects and areas such as fine art, print making, sculpture, ceramics, graphics, textiles, graphic design, architecture and fashion design. The course will also help to develop skills of problem solving, creative thinking, investigation, research, communication and teamwork. Pupils will gain the ability to develop, refine and present visual ideas. Employers and universities regard all of these skills highly.