



WHS
Sixth Form

Woodrush Sixth Form – Excellence Through Endeavour

A Level ART & DESIGN/Photography

with optional Gold Arts Award



Overview

In this A Level Art and Design course, learners are given opportunities to develop a broad foundation of critical, practical and theoretical skills. Overall, the course fosters a holistic understanding of a range of practices and contexts across visual arts, crafts and design fields, culminating in greater specialism and achievement.

Whichever title or combination of endorsed titles is followed, the specification encourages creativity, sustained investigation and analysis, experimentation, and design and making as a means of developing technical and expressive skills. It gives learners the opportunity to follow a programme of study which allows creative freedom, extends experience and personal response as well as developing imagination and critical and reflective thinking. The ability to innovate, adapt and work independently, which underlies all aspects of the specification, is valued by higher education and employers alike.

GOLD ARTS AWARD (optional) - TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON

To achieve a Gold Arts Award, young people collect evidence in an individual arts portfolio of their experiences of:

Personal arts development

Extending their own arts practice, experiencing another art form and creating new work

Leadership of an arts project

Planning a project, identifying the project's aims and outcomes

Requirements

- GCSE Grade 5 in Art or Photography

Exam Board



<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/art-and-design-2016.html>

Assessment

Component 1 – Personal Investigation (60% of Qualification)

Component 2 – Externally Set Assignment (40% of Qualification)

The Externally Set Assignment consists of two parts:

Part 1: Preparatory study period commence on or after 1 February.

Part 2: 15 hour period of sustained focus work

Progression and Career Opportunities

Having an A level in a creative subject is an essential starting point for students who wish to follow an art and design career path, but also hugely valuable for those who might not. After completing their A levels, students can choose to go on to an Art and Design Foundation Diploma or apply directly for higher level degree courses.

“Completing an A Level in Art allowed me to experience a wide range of projects using multiple materials and methods which further developed my understanding of Art & Design. The course has been the foundation to allow me to access the art industry and explore the world of creativity. The experience as a whole was amazing and fun and felt like being part of a small ‘art’ family” Harry Jones (Studying Illustration at Birmingham City University)